

RESIDENTIAL STUDENT GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19

- Students must practice social distancing whenever possible, maintaining a minimum of 6 feet between themselves and others.
 - Students must always wear a mask in public areas, including outdoors. Masks are not required in a student's private residence hall room, with roommates/suitemates.
 - Students must wash their hands often and well and make use of hand sanitizer, which is at least 70 percent alcohol, when washing hands is not an option.
 - In Baldwin, McAuley, Warde and Ryan halls, no outside guests are permitted in personal residential areas. This includes commuter students, off-campus students, visitors and guests. Guests are permitted in lobby areas.
 - Each resident of Baldwin, McAuley, Warde and Ryan halls can have no more than one student guest from the same hall in their rooms at any time. Social distancing should be practiced. It is recommended that all non-roommate interactions take place in a lobby or outdoor area, where social distancing can be more easily practiced.
 - All visitors (parents, siblings, etc.) must complete the online **COVID-19 guest screening form**, wear a mask or facial covering, and practice social distancing.
 - Students residing in apartments and townhouses are permitted one guest per resident, averaging no more than six persons at one time, based on occupancy.
- Social distancing should be practiced. It is recommended that all non-roommate interactions take place in a lobby or outdoor area, where social distancing can be more easily practiced.
- Congregating in residential living areas in groups of six or more is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, residence hall lounges, kitchens, lobbies, study rooms/spaces, etc. All students congregating in a communal space must wear a mask.
 - Residence Life staff will coordinate roommate/suitemate agreements, as is done each academic year. Residents will be expected to review and discuss concerns related to COVID-19 and establish expectations for shared living. Residence Life staff will conduct Health and Safety inspections on a monthly basis or as needed, based on cleanliness concerns.
 - Students are expected to report concerns related to COVID-19 to Mercyhurst University staff and to cooperate with contact tracing and mitigation efforts. This includes reporting a suspected case of COVID-19 for oneself or others, returning phone calls from university personnel as necessary, and providing accurate responses to questions when asked.
 - Students must abide by the quarantine and/or isolation procedures outlined by the university as they relate to COVID-19. If students violate a quarantine period or quarantine terms, they will be subject to severe and immediate sanctions, including suspension of the fall semester or expulsion. In those circumstances, there will be no refund of tuition, fees, room or board.

