

Winthrop University
Division of Student Life
Department of Residence Life

2020-21 WINTHROP UNIVERSITY Student Residence Hall Contract/Lease COVID-19 Pandemic Addendum

Additional Terms, Conditions and Responsibilities for 2020-2021 Winthrop University Residence Hall Contract/Lease:

1) Health and Safety.-General

- a) Expectations of residence hall occupants.
 - i) The Student acknowledges the following:
 - (1) The inherent elevated risk associated with living in a community environment and the student's shared obligation to prioritize health and safety for the benefit of the entire community.
 - (2) They have considered their own personal health status and increased risk factors inherent with community living, including the risk of exposure or infection by COVID-19, and decided to live on campus.
 - ii) The Student agrees to adhere to University expectations and requirements intended to minimize risk of exposure or spread of the COVID-19 virus consistent with public health and safety guidance which currently includes
 - (1) Practicing physical distancing
 - (2) Wearing appropriate face covering when within six feet of another individual.
 - (3) Self-monitoring for symptoms
 - (4) Potential isolation if medically indicated
 - (5) Potential quarantine if warranted.
 - iii) Removal from University housing if recommended by medical or public health officials.
 - (1) The student acknowledges their responsibility to keep personal living space in a sanitary condition and to adhere to sanitation standards in shared spaces.
 - iv) The student acknowledges they may be required to submit to symptom monitoring, self-screening, or COVID-19 testing to access the residential community.
- b) Residence Hall staff will:
 - i) Educate and inform resident students on appropriate cleaning protocols within their personal living space and shared spaces.
 - ii) Conduct health and safety inspections of the living space.
- c) Winthrop University will:
 - i) Provide a limited number of rooms designed for COVID-19 response to allow for:
 - (1) Isolation
 - (2) Quarantine
 - ii) Continue to monitor the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and spread in our geographical area.
 - iii) Communicate and educate our campus community on how best to reduce the chance of infection.

2) **Health and Safety.-COVID-19 and Other Highly Infectious Diseases**

- a) Upon becoming symptomatic, the student agrees to seek immediate medical assistance.
- b) Students agree to follow reasonable medical advice regarding contagious or infectious diseases.
- c) The student agrees to disclose to Health Services immediately upon notification of positive COVID-19 test status or contact from S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control about exposure and instruction to isolate or quarantine.
- d) The Student agrees to comply with University direction requiring isolation or quarantine. Isolation or quarantine may require removal from assigned room, building, or campus. Student agrees to comply with any such move as directed by Residence Life until cleared by a medical or public health professional to return to their original housing assignment. Isolation or quarantine does not constitute cancellation of the Residence Hall Contract/Lease.
- e) Students are required to comply with all health and safety law, orders, ordinances, policies, regulations, and guidance adopted by the University or Department of Residence Life as it relates to COVID-19. This guidance may evolve as circumstances warrant. University may require student to leave University housing in the event the Student's continued presence poses a health or safety risk to the housing community or if there is a serious health threat to the student by remaining in a residence hall.
- f) There will be no additional charge to the student or other housing fee adjustment made for a required move to an isolation or quarantine area.

3) **General Terms and Provisions**

- a) The Student acknowledges the University may restrict the full use of spaces and amenities within the residential community including, but not limited to:
 - i) Guest Policy change: visitors (other than those living in the same residence hall, with roommate permission), including overnight guests, are prohibited.
 - (1) Residents may only have one other building resident as a guest in their assigned room at any given time.
 - ii) Access to residential spaces is restricted to residential students, University staff, and approved vendors.
 - iii) Residents may only enter the residence hall to which they are assigned unless otherwise posted (i.e., to access critical services such as dining services, staff offices.)
 - iv) Access to and use of amenities/space may be restricted or limited in capacity to allow for social distancing (community space, lounges, kitchen, laundry rooms, elevators, etc.)
- b) The Student acknowledges the Agreement start and end dates and the length of Agreement may be adjusted to align with the University academic calendar.
- c) The Student acknowledges the building or room assignments may be changed prior to arrival or at any time during the term of the Agreement the University deems necessary.
- d) The Student acknowledges Student-initiated room change requests may be restricted or limited after occupancy.
- e) The Student acknowledges the housing fee for Fall 2020 reflects the approved academic calendar which requires student to move out just before Thanksgiving break and complete the last two weeks of the semester through remote instruction. Students who have an approved need to stay on campus after Thanksgiving (e.g. internship placement) will have additional housing fees assessed.

- f) If there is sustained COVID-19 spread such that on campus learning or residence halls need to be suspended longer than ten days, the Winthrop Board of Trustees may consider adjusting housing fees to allow for a student's account to be credited for the pro-rated loss of time on the housing agreement caused by the early termination.
- g) In the event of a conflict between the above Addendum and the original Agreement, this Addendum will apply.

Student understands and agrees to comply with the expectations and additional terms set forth in the COVID-19 Pandemic Contract Addendum.