

Dear Residents,

As we move through the semester, SHSU continues to address COVID-19 concerns and is working to support the health and safety of all our Bearkats. We want to strive to create a safe environment so that we can keep the University fully open to better benefit your educational experience.

However, that means everyone must do their part to ensure we stay open. There are a few items that need to be addressed so that you are on top of this pandemic!

1. You **MUST** adhere to all University policies regarding COVID-19, including social distancing and wearing a face covering, even in the residence halls. You may choose to not wear a mask in the halls only if you are in your personal residence hall room and do not have a visitor.
  - a. If you have a visitor to your room (not your roommate or suitemates), you must all wear your face coverings for the duration of the visit.
  - b. You also must wear your face covering properly – it must fully cover your mouth AND your nose.
  - c. You are required to wear a face covering in the hallways, in the laundry rooms, in the study areas, in the lounges, in the elevators – absolutely everywhere.
2. Please note that Residence Life policy is currently that each occupant of the room may have one guest. If our rate of infection continues to rise, we will be forced to suspend visitation, which means you will not be allowed any guests at all. We do not want to be in that position, so please do your part to get our numbers down.
3. Violations of the face covering policy or any other COVID-19 violations are documented and will result in disciplinary action; depending on the situation, it is possible that your housing contract may be terminated.
4. There are many questions and concerns about **quarantine** and **isolation**, so here are a few items you should be aware of:
  - a. There are varying circumstances where a resident might be placed in **isolation** or **quarantine** for a specified period of time, usually 10-14 days.
  - b. Students living in residence halls are encouraged to go home for **isolation/quarantine** if it is safe to do so. If there is a particular reason a resident cannot go home, specific instructions will be given for **isolation** or **quarantine**.
  - c. If the need for on-campus placement is determined for **isolation**, residential students will be relocated temporarily to a specific isolation house. During **quarantine**, depending on the circumstances, students might stay in their current location, or may be required to relocate to a quarantine house.
  - d. Both **isolated** and **quarantined** students will have meals delivered to their location each day according to the dining hall schedule. Additionally, we will work with the KatPost to ensure delivery of mail, if necessary.
  - e. Students in **isolation/quarantine** are not allowed to leave their assigned housing location for any reason until they are released by the Student Health Center.
  - f. A SHSU representative will contact students who are isolated/quarantined on a regular basis and notify the student of any update to their status. You should notify your

instructors of your need to quarantine/isolate and request a temporary switch to on-line only instruction if necessary.

- g. If a resident has been placed in isolation, whether at home or on campus, the university's custodial contractor will clean and sanitize touchpoints in the student's room as well as in any shared spaces such as bathrooms and living areas. Custodial staff will not move your belongings; rather, they will clean around them. You **may not** refuse this cleaning.

**A last couple of points:**

- If you are feeling ill, please contact the Student Health Center at 936-294-1805
- If you have tested at an off-campus facility, please make sure to self-report your results by using the SHSU COVID-19 reporting form found under section 3.A.iii.c. at:  
<https://www.shsu.edu/katsafe/covid-19-protocols#infectious-individuals>

If you have other questions or concerns regarding COVID-19, please contact the Student Health Center at 936-294-1805 or the Residence Life Office at 936-294-1812.

**Please stay safe, Bearkats, and help your fellow residents remain healthy too!!**