



HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY RE-OPEN PLAN FALL 2020

Francis Marion University is committed to maintaining a high level of cleanliness and sanitation on campus at all levels. It will introduce new measures and procedures to enhance sanitization during the Fall 2020 semester, based on recommendations from appropriate state and federal agencies.

FMU will adopt the following new protocols and procedures to enhance safety for residential students.

EXTENDED MOVE-IN PERIOD

FMU's traditional "move-in weekend" will now become a move-in week, giving students and families time and space to safely re-occupy residence halls at the beginning of the fall semester. The move-in window runs from August 11-16. Residential students will be assigned days and times with an eye towards reducing the number of individuals in close proximity on any given day. Family members and helpers will be limited to two per family, no young children will be allowed.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

FMU Housing staff and the Residential Advisors (RA's) will lead an ongoing campaign encouraging students to do their part to reduce the spread of disease on campus.

DISTANCING PRACTICES

FMU Housing will emphasize the best available social distancing practices at formal events. General distancing will be emphasized in common areas including the student laundry, computer labs and common areas. Common fitness and workout facilities on campus are closed for the fall semester.

SANITATION ENHANCEMENTS

Additional hand sanitizer stations will be provided throughout the housing area. Door knobs and other common surfaces will be cleaned on multiple occasions each day.

PERSONNEL PROTECTION GEAR

Students are encouraged to wear masks in common areas, such as classrooms, the library and the University Center. Students may bring masks and other protective gear from home. Cleaning materials for rooms and other uses is also encouraged. RA's will distribute cloth masks and cleaning wipes at the beginning of the semester.

REDUCED VISITATION

FMU will continue the policy of reduced visitation that was implemented in the spring. That policy prohibits overnight guests and discourages large numbers from congregating in a room or suite.

TESTING ON CAMPUS

FMU will refer students experience symptoms to the Student Health office. Students may be referred to HopeHealth, or to a provider of their choice, for COVID-19 testing.

QUARANTINE SPACE

Students needing to be quarantined may return to their home for the designated period of time or until standard criteria is met. Quarantine space on campus, including meal service, will be provided for students who are unable to leave for any reason.