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Dear Falcon Residents:

I hope you are enjoying your summer, and that you are safe and well. We are so excited to see you in the Fall, and I know you are excited to arrive to campus. It's hard to believe we will be together in a few short weeks. Things have changed due to implementation of policies for reducing the risks associated with COVID-19 while living in a residence hall. I would like to share these changes so you can be prepared when you return to campus.

Move-In – “Drop-N-Go”

First, our move-in process will begin on July 31 and go through August 7. All students, unless you are a student-athlete and have prior approval to move in early, will participate in a “drop-n-go” move-in system beginning on July 31. Here's how “drop-n-go” works:

- Students will sign up via online registration. Students will be given the opportunity to select a time period to move in and will have 2 hours to move their belongings into the residence halls with one guest to assist them.
- Students and their one guest will arrive to campus on their previously selected date and time, check-in at a wellness tent for a quick healthscreening before heading to their assigned residence hall room to drop off their belongings.
- Once students drop their belongings in their rooms, they will leave campus and return home. First time freshmen are permitted to return to campus on August 6-7. Upperclassmen are permitted to return to campus on August 8-9.
- For our students and families who are traveling from out of state, please feel free to secure lodging at local hotels. We cannot offer on campus lodging.

Activities & Programming

Housing and Residence Life will continue to offer many of the fun and engaging programs you've been looking forward to, but they will be delivered in different formats and in smaller groups. We will have many virtual engagement opportunities and offer a hybrid approach to ensure some in-person programming occurs. The fun paint nights that you've enjoyed on campus will continue to happen but in smaller groups. We will focus our efforts on group sizes of twenty-five or less throughout the academic year. This is for your safety and our team's safety.

Resident Assistants

Our RAs will continue to live in the residence hall with you and will continue to support you as a Falcon. The RAs will continue to address policies and ensure that we have an environment conducive to learning. The RAs won't be able to visit your rooms due to social distancing guidelines. However, they will be reachable via the duty phone, email, virtually, and when they are at the desk. Again, our RAs are the keys to your success in Residence Life, and I want you to continue to reach out to them.

Policy Changes

Policy changes have been implemented due to the *increased level of the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for those who live in a residence hall community*. We want you to understand we are engaging in safety measures to help keep you safe while you are living in the residence hall and being on campus. But, much of the mitigation of the virus spreading will depend on you adhering to the standards put into place and taking personal accountability for your health and safety. There will be occupancy limits in the community-style restrooms. Students will not be permitted to have any outside guests or visitors (anyone who does not live within your residence hall) visit the residence hall at any time, and residents should not visit the rooms of other residents. Common spaces, lounge areas, and community kitchens will not be open for student use or congregation. Students will not be assigned into quads within Morrow, Pence, or Prichard Halls.

Laundry facilities should never be occupied by more than five students at any given time. Anytime you are within a residence hall and outside of your residence hall room, you must wear a mask. You should not ride an elevator with more than two people but should always exercise good handwashing any time you touch buttons, handrails, or doors. While I understand the inconvenience of some of these policies, this is to ensure the safety of our community.

What You Can Do to Stay Safe

We can't eliminate all the risks of spreading COVID-19 while living in a residence hall, but with your help there are many things we can do to mitigate the risks. Beyond what I have mentioned above, we will continue to keep our residence halls clean. Again, some of this will require your help!

So let's recap:

- Wash and sanitize your hands on a regular basis. [Here are some guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) regarding handwashing and other prevention measures you can take.](#)
- Wear your mask anytime you are outside of your residence hall room. [Here's what the CDC advises regarding wearing masks.](#)
- Stay 6 feet away from other students as much as possible.
- If you believe you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, report to Student Health or your Primary Care Physician so they can assess you. Don't forget to tell your health care provider that you live in a residence hall on our campus.
- [Review more CDC guidelines and information regarding COVID-19.](#)

We look forward to seeing you in August...from a safe distance!

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