

Residence Life Students and COVID-19

If you believe you have symptoms of COVID-19 or you have tested positive for COVID-19, please contact the Office of Residence Life at 507-537-6136. In addition, please review the *Mustangs Return* document at the link below for instructions as to what your steps will be.

https://www.smsu.edu/resources/webspaces/mustangsreturn/smsu_fall2020_student_protectyourselfinfo_072720.pdf

In the event that a residential student has tested positive for, or been exposed to COVID-19, and requires isolation or quarantine, alternative living arrangements will be provided in the GM Complex, an on-campus residential facility. The complex is set up with individual units that have been reserved in the event of the need for isolation or quarantine of any residence hall student. The number of rooms vary, according to the need.

Quarantine and Isolation Protocols

- All students who exhibit signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or have had exposure to someone that has tested positive will be quarantined. That student will only be allowed to return to face-to-face classes and their regular residence hall room, when they meet the conditions given in the above link.
- Students who test positive for the COVID-19 virus will be placed in isolation. The student will only be allowed to return to face-to-face classes after they have:
 - Had no fever for at least 24 hours (without the use of medicine that reduces fever)
AND
 - Respiratory symptoms have improved
AND
 - At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared
OR
 - If you will be tested, until you have received two negative COVID-19 tests in a row, at least 24 hours apart.
- In all instances, contact your healthcare provider if symptoms worsen.
- Rooms will be stocked with sheets, pillows, blanket/comforter, tissues, soap, and hand sanitizer.
- Students are responsible for basic housekeeping while in quarantine and isolation. Trash should be placed in the provided trashcans and will be picked up by housekeeping staff.
- Disinfection of rooms following a quarantine and isolation period will be coordinated by housekeeping staff with an outside vendor.
- Students in isolation and quarantine on campus are to receive meals delivered on a set schedule from Dining Services. All meals are delivered using disposable, single-use materials.
- Student counseling services and the Office for Spiritual and Religious Life will have counselors available remotely for students in isolation or quarantine, as needed.
- To the degree possible, students will continue academic activities remotely.
- Residence Life representatives will make daily contact with ill students via telephone calls, preferably video calls.
- A student in quarantine or isolation is not to leave the facility without contacting the office of Residence Life. Office phone number is 507-537-6136.