



COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTRACT ADDENDUM AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This COVID-19 Pandemic Contract Addendum and Acknowledgment is part of your UTC 2020-2021 academic year housing contract and is designed to inform you about what you may experience if you live in an on-campus residence hall at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga during the 2020-21 academic year.

As you are aware, we are currently experiencing a global pandemic due to the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19, and circumstances are continually changing. As such, the University is not able to accurately predict what the conditions will be like when the academic year begins, and what precautions the University may have to implement in on-campus residence halls throughout the academic year in order to react to the changing circumstances. You should be aware that if you live in an on-campus residence hall, the University cannot guarantee that the residence hall will be free of coronavirus. You will be living with other students who could contract the virus, and you will be sharing common areas which may include bathrooms. By signing this Addendum, you understand and agree that the University needs the flexibility to implement whatever procedures it deems appropriate to minimize the risks posed by coronavirus.

BASIC HYGIENE

During the COVID-19 pandemic, you are advised to take certain precautions to minimize your exposure to COVID-19.

There is currently no vaccine to protect against contracting COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

You can reduce your risk by taking the same measures as you would to prevent infection from the flu and the common cold:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for a least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer, with at least 60% alcohol if soap/water is not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home while you are sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and immediately dispose of the used tissue.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

While the University cannot predict every situation that a student may encounter living in a residence hall, you should acknowledge the following current expectations of students who live in residence halls:

- I understand that I am required to complete the Student Reintegration Safety Training.
- I understand that I may be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19/coronavirus test to enter the residence hall and check into my assigned room, and may be required to have additional testing during the academic year.
- I understand that I may be required to have a seasonal flu vaccine and a coronavirus vaccine if one is developed.
- I understand that I may be required to have my temperature taken and/or obtain a thermometer and have it in my possession in order to enter the residence hall and check into my assigned room.
- I understand that I may be required to wear a face-covering when inside the residence hall.
- I understand that the University may find it necessary to take specific actions that impact me to protect the health of residents from coronavirus and other communicable diseases. These actions could include self-isolation, quarantine, or moving my room to free up space for individuals who need to be isolated or quarantined (or for any other reason deemed necessary by the University).
- I understand that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, residence hall rules and regulations pertaining to visitation hours, number of guests, areas of access, etc. may temporarily change to address the campus pandemic response.
- I understand that there may be circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic that may require me to self-isolate or quarantine away from others for at least 14 days. During this time I must avoid contact with others, including family, friends, and going out in public, and that these circumstances include, but may not be limited to, having:
 - Developed symptoms of possible COVID-19 infection as enumerated by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>, or testing positive for COVID-19/coronavirus.
 - Recently had close contact with someone known to be diagnosed with COVID-19/coronavirus. Close contact means you were within about six feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19/coronavirus for more than 10 minutes. Close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a person who has COVID-19/coronavirus. Close contact also means having direct contact with secretions (typically coughs and sneezes) from a person with COVID-19/coronavirus.
 - Arrived in the US within the previous 14 days after traveling in another country.
 - Arrived from cruise ship travel (ocean or river) within the previous 14 days.
 - Traveled within the past 14 days from areas or cities within the US where community spread of COVID-19/coronavirus is ongoing. (Check with state or local authorities at the starting place of your journey and along your route to learn about local circumstances and any restrictions that may be in place.)

- I understand that, if required to self-isolate or quarantine away from others as outlined above, during that time, the University shall not be responsible for the provision of my home health care and that if due to the presence and nature of my symptoms I am unable to provide self-care, I must arrange for care by others at an off-campus location.
- I understand, if required to self-isolate or quarantine away from others as outlined above, I must complete the on-line [COVID-19 Illness/Travel Form](#) through the Dean of Students Office, and if I am a student employee of the University to also communicate with my campus supervisor.
- I understand, if my self-isolation or quarantine away from others affects my ability to participate in scheduled classes, I must communicate directly with my instructors regarding my possible absence.
- I understand that, at any time, I develop symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the CDC at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>, including during a time of self-isolation or quarantine away from others, I will seek medical attention or advisement from a healthcare provider at either University Health Services, a healthcare facility such as an urgent care or walk in clinic, or my personal healthcare provider's office. If I need to seek emergent or urgent medical care, I will go to the emergency room or call 9-1-1. Prior to seeking medical care, I will notify the operator or clinician that I am isolating or quarantined for a COVID-19 related issue.

I HAVE READ THIS COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTRACT ADDENDUM AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT. I UNDERSTAND THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH LIVING IN A RESIDENCE HALL. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE UNIVERSITY NEEDS THE FLEXIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT WHATEVER PROCEDURES IT DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE RISKS POSED BY CORONAVIRUS, AND I WILL ABIDE BY WHATEVER PROCEDURES THE UNIVERSITY DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY.