

Fall 2020
Edgewood College Residence Life Pandemic FAQ's

I am living in a double room with a roommate. Will I have to wear a face covering while in my room?

Roommates who are sharing a room, are considered a "family unit," similar to a private residence. While in their room, roommates (solo or together) do not need to wear face coverings or make in-room modifications to promote social distancing. Residents are expected to communicate with one another and develop an in room safety plan and your RA/AC will assist residents in this process via the roommate contract. Residents must put on a mask before leaving their room.

I don't have an ID yet and I wasn't able to come to campus this summer, what should I do?

Any student can come get their ID card between 7am and 6pm Monday through Thursday through August 7th. If you are unable to get your ID before move-in, you may do so on move-in day. Please visit the Technology Assistance Center on the first floor of DeRicci before going to check-in with Residence Life at your previously arranged check in time.

How will dorms be sanitized? Will common areas in res halls be available?

It's a two-step process: we clean everything first, and then go back and disinfect using a quaternary disinfectant which is a stabilized bleach. In this form, it stays active for a long time, unlike at home when you mix bleach and water which is only good for a couple hours. Common spaces (kitchens, lounges etc.) will be available with adjusted capacities to accommodate social distancing.

Can I get a list of what to bring?

Visit <http://residencelife.edgewood.edu> for a list! Also note that residents are required to bring a thermometer so that they can self-monitor symptoms and bringing cleaning supplies will be more important than ever this year!

When will move in be?

Move-in will consist of open time slots for sign up starting the afternoon of Wednesday, 8/12 and continuing until Tuesday, 8/18. Slots are 1 hour and will typically start at 9am and go until 4pm. Residents will receive details and sign up links in their Edgewood College email inboxes. Some residents involved in orientation or bridge may have alternate move in times which will be communicated by the corresponding department.

Undergraduate classes will begin on August 19 and will transition to fully online on the Tuesday preceding Thanksgiving Break. The residence halls will remain accessible to students who need living accommodations for the period of online instruction that follows Thanksgiving, though students may choose to go home for that time period. Residence Life and Dining Services will still be open during this two-week period but residents will be asked to inform Residence Life of their plan so that we may plan accordingly.

Will I get a refund for the last two weeks of Fall semester because classes will be online at that time?

Room and board is charged by the semester, not the week. While we will have online courses after Thanksgiving, the residence halls will not close, so if you need to remain on campus for the period of online instruction, you may do so and staff and services will still be available. There will be no refunds for students who chose to leave campus prior to Thanksgiving.

What do I need to do before move in?

New residents need to submit their Health History Form to the Health Center via mail or fax. All residents will also need to complete their online Pre-Check in prior to arriving on campus. This will include informing us of your COVID-19 safety plan and agreeing to the adjusted safety policies during the pandemic.

If a student (first-year or returner) completed a housing contract, and chooses to do remote learning and not live or come to campus for classes, will the contract be canceled and the student not charged?

Students bound by the residency requirement to live on campus who wish to do all remote courses in the fall semester and not relocate to campus from their legal/home/permanent address, will need to provide documentation of this plan to the Residence Life Appeals Committee for review. This is not an automatic approval and a request will need to be made in advance to residencelife@edgewood.edu. If approved, the student's Housing Contract will be cancelled without penalty. New freshman who live within commuting distance (30 miles) may choose to complete the Freshman Residency Requirement Exception form to live at home and notify residencelife@edgewood.edu to let us know you are changing your plans. Upperclass students (3rd year residents and beyond) may email us to cancel their contracts.

What if I want to have a visitor?

Visitation will be limited to one resident guest at a time. See the Residence Life Handbook for full details. The one resident guest per resident at a time policy takes social distancing in the individual rooms in to consideration and the size of most of our residence hall rooms is small and restricts capacity just based on the social distancing requirement. We also have an obligation to keep to our group quarters safe. Residence halls can be more closely compared to facilities like nursing homes and group homes, which in the current climate are advised to restrict visitation. This policy also mirrors the UW-Madison's pandemic guest policy in the residence halls.

How will dining work this fall?

Dining Services is implementing a multi-pronged approach to serve students this Fall including: eliminating self-serve stations, increasing carryout options and making adjustments to dining spaces to allow for proper social distancing. There will also be a new All-You-Care-To-Eat (AYCTE) structure in Phil's. Lots of detailed information can be found at <https://dineoncampus.com/edgewood/fall-2020-dining-updates>

Will you notify everyone in the hall if someone in the building tests positive for COVID-19?

When a student tests positive, we will work with them to identify close contacts. This would include any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset. We will need to respect student's confidentiality and the small nature of our campus but we will balance this with making community members aware. The Dean of Students office will be managing all student processes in partnership with various offices.