



COVID-19 Information, Guideline and Agreement

In wake of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic (“COVID-19”), SJU is committed to doing what is necessary to keep our residents safe. We are also committed to providing residents the celebrated SJU community feel, although it will look different given the current circumstances. Like any year, it is our residents and their engagement in the residence community, and care for each other, which make the SJU residence community so special. This year these will be important responsibilities for everyone to embrace to ensure a safe residence community that limits the transmission of COVID-19. It will take everyone in the community practicing physical distancing, and following all COVID-19 safety protocols, both on and off campus, to keep our residence community safe.

Meeting others and fostering community are vital to your experience; we encourage residents to stay connected virtually through student activities and programming, interact at a safe distance with your residence pod, chat during meals, and enjoy the outdoors on our vibrant campus. While residence will look different this year with COVID-19 protocols and measures in place to keep our community safe, it is all our responsibility to build a vibrant residence community.

Where to Find Information

The most up to date information regarding our COVID-19 response will be available on our website (SJU campus: <https://www.sju.ca/covid19info> , SJU Residence: <https://www.sju.ca/covid-19-response-0> ; <https://www.sju.ca/residence-facilities>) and communicated to students through their UW email. Residence Dons and Residence Office staff are available and committed to helping residents find the information, support, and resources they are needing, please connect with them through our online staff directory: <https://www.sju.ca/meet-student-affairs-team>.

Response Evolution

As the COVID-19 landscape evolves and changes, residents should expect measures to change throughout the year in accordance with same. Should any changes be implemented, residents are expected to be flexible and adapt to the current state of the SJU Residence.

This unprecedented situation requires cooperation and collaboration from the entire community. Being gracious and kind to one another during this stressful time will help to foster a good living environment for yourself and others. The Residence Offices welcomes your feedback and suggestions to fostering a safe and welcoming community.

The Residence Handbook, and detailed COVID-19 response information can be found online: <https://www.sju.ca/covid-19-response-0>

<https://www.sju.ca/residence-contract-handbook> , <https://www.sju.ca/residence-facilities>

Subsection 1: Expectations of the Resident

Physical Distancing Expectations

All residents will be expected to abide by physical distancing guidelines in SJU Residence and all SJU campus facilities. In order to keep all residents safe, it is extremely important that residents physically distance themselves from one another to limit the potential for an outbreak of COVID-19 in SJU Residence. For clarification purposes, residents are expected to practice all physical distancing measures in place by the Government of Ontario and the Region of Waterloo, as well as those of SJU or the University of Waterloo.

Face Coverings

Residents will be expected to wear a Face Covering in common use areas of SJU buildings including but not limited to corridors, lobbies, washrooms, elevators, meeting rooms or in any area of SJU buildings where physical distancing is a challenge. Expectations and usage of Face Coverings will follow the directions and updates of current Public Health guidelines and guidelines of UW. Residents are expected to provide and maintain their own Face Coverings.

Daily Health Check

Daily health self-assessments are encouraged for all residents to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Residents are asked to complete a daily self-assessment before leaving their residence room each day, and multiple self-assessments if they are leaving the residence community for more than 12 hours, and before they return to the residence community. A thermometer will be made available to residents by their Residence Don, as necessary, to support self-assessments.

All residents will need to download a COVID-19 screening app: <https://covid19checkup.ca/> and are encouraged to download the Government's COVID-19 tracking app: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html>

Contact Tracing

Residents are expected to keep a log of any person they come in close contact with for more than 15 minutes, or interactions where a facial covering is not worn and physical distancing not maintained. For example: another resident visiting their room, meeting a friend off-campus for a coffee and study break, going away from campus and visiting family. The log should include the name of the person they came in contact with, the date, the location, and the duration of the interaction.

Subsection 2: Illness and Self-Isolation

Illness in Residence

Residents experiencing illness should self-isolate in their room and follow the steps noted online to connect with our staff: <https://www.sju.ca/covid-19-response-0>.

Residents should arrange to go home immediately if feeling unwell in order to rest and get better. Our facilities and pod living make it difficult to appropriately self-isolate given the shared washrooms and communal dining.

When going home, due to sickness or any reason, residents should notify their Don and the Residence Office staff of their leaving, and when they plan to return to campus. Before returning to residence, be sure to be free of symptoms for 48 hours, complete a COVID-19 self-assessment, and get a COVID-19

test if recommended. Residents need to communicate regularly with Residence Office staff as we manage the health and safety of the residence community and contact tracing.

Self-Isolation in Residence

The Residence Office staff are available as a resource and support and can, based on their discretion and public health recommendations, arrange for an on-campus self-isolation space with access to meal delivery. On-campus self-isolation spaces for residents are located in another pod or residence building from their own, and are available if: it is impossible for someone to get home to rest, if there is a delay in them being able to get home, or if the Residence Office, and/or Public Health recommend on-campus self-isolation.

Self-isolating means residents must stay in their assigned room or isolation space, use the sink in their room exclusively, use the washroom assigned for their use, do not leave their room to access any other spaces or facilities. Food will be provided to their assigned room or isolation space.

COVID-19 Exposure or Positive Test

If a resident has come in contact with COVID-19, they need to do the following: self-isolate in their residence room, inform the Residence Office Staff, follow the directives by Public Health and SJU regarding self-isolating and COVID-19 testing. The resident will go home to quarantine or move into a quarantine space at SJU if returning home is not possible.

In the event a resident tests positive for COVID-19, Public Health will manage contract tracing and work with SJU to keep others in our community safe. SJU will not share medical information of any resident student.

While in self-isolation or quarantine, the Residence Office and Student Affairs staff will be available as a resource and support for students through virtual means and at a safe distance with personal protective equipment (PPE).

Local assessment and testing centres: <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/community-assessment-centres.aspx>

Subsection 3: Community and Facility Expectations

Meal Times

In order to maintain proper physical distancing and observe indoor gathering limitations, residence pods will be divided into 2 cohorts for each meal period (breakfast, lunch, dinner). Your specific meal cohort and corresponding meal time will be communicated to you by your Residence Don at your first floor meeting. Observing your designated meal time will allow for sanitization of the dining tables between meal periods.

Guests and Visitors

To minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 guests in residence will be strictly prohibited until further notice. If a resident has visitors to campus, they should meet them outside of the building and can spend time together outside of residence.

Move-in Day is an exception to this rule. Two visitors per resident student will be permitted into the building to assist the student move in during their designated time slot.

Programming and Events

In keeping with public health guidelines about minimizing gatherings, our upper-year student leaders will be pivoting to virtual platforms to provide programming to residents. Here at SJU, we're lucky to have incredibly creative student leaders who are working hard to come up with fun ideas for how to create a virtual community. Based on public health information and guidelines, we will re-evaluate our programming and events, with hopes to provide safe in-person and small-group programming as the COVID-19 landscape allows.

Housekeeping and Sanitization

SJU Residence will have increased cleaning from our professional cleaning staff. Major touch points including but not limited to door handles and elevator buttons will be frequently disinfected to help manage the spread of COVID-19 on surfaces. Cleaning supplies will also be made available to residents for self-cleaning of shared spaces after they are used/occupied by the resident. Hand Sanitizer stations are set-up throughout the SJU campus near frequent touchpoints such as entry ways and elevators. Residents are asked to utilize these stations regularly and wash hands frequently.

Residence Spaces & Expectations

Communal spaces in our Residence building will be unavailable at the beginning of the school year. Unfortunately, spaces of this nature can lead to significant transmission of COVID-19. We hope to be able to bring these spaces online as the COVID landscape improves.

COVID-19 Protocol Acknowledgement and Agreement

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues in Canada and SJU prepares for a safe residence community that limits the transmission of COVID-19, additional COVID-19 safety measures and protocols may be implemented. Information on additional resources, measures, and protocols for keeping yourself and our community safe will be available communicated to students through various means of communications including but not limited to e-mail, Residence Dons, and posters. It is the responsibility of the student to seek to understand and abide by the protocols and expectations put into place by the Residence Office and St. Jerome's University.

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to follow the rules and protocols implemented by St. Jerome's University, outlined in the Residence Handbook, to foster a healthy and safe community in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. I understand that these protocols may change in response to the evolving COVID-19 Pandemic landscape.

Name _____

Date _____