

Good afternoon,

Please find below an update from University Housing regarding operations for the Fall 2020 term. Updates in this email include information regarding:

- Timeline for Assignments
- Housing Furniture
- Visitation, Mask Requirements, and Cleaning
- Dining Services
- Campus Shuttle and the Bike Ridership Program

Timeline for Assignments

University Housing will be accepting voluntary contract cancellations until July 12, 2020. For instructions on voluntarily cancelling your housing contract, please follow the [linked instructions](#). Immediately after the end of the voluntary contract cancellation period, University Housing will review available space and the number of students who still want housing to make further decisions. If we have more students that want housing than we have available space, we will have to make difficult decisions to reach our limited capacity of 1,020 beds. We anticipate trying to get out assignments by the end of July, **or sooner**, to give students and families peace of mind and time to plan. In the interim, we are unable to provide guarantees or promises of rooms to any student. We will try to assign students to the same room type to which they were originally assigned (or a comparable room) where possible. Some students may be asked to move to rooms they did not originally select as a preference on their housing application.

Housing Furniture

We will be unable to remove extra furniture from rooms, despite decreased occupancy. Furniture will need to remain in each room that it is assigned and should not be removed from rooms for any reason. Lounge furniture will also need to remain in lounges and should not be moved into individual student rooms.

Visitation, Mask Requirements, and Cleaning

Throughout the 2020-2021 academic year, University Housing will restrict ALL visitation in the residence halls. Students will not be allowed to have visitors in their residence hall bedroom, even if they live on campus in another room. This is to prevent the spread of the virus if it comes on campus. This regulation is in line with recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control, the American College Health Association, and the Association of College and University Housing Officers International. In addition, all students must continue to wear a mask in residence halls unless they are in their assigned bedroom space. Except for quads in Callahan and Northern Terrace and in line with the mask requirement by Northern Kentucky University, students should not be unmasked in the presence of other students in the residence halls. This is to prevent the virus from spreading if it arrives on campus.

University Housing will increase cleaning for common bathrooms in Kentucky, Commonwealth, and the F-wing/G-wing/J-wing of Callahan Hall. Cleaning will follow enhanced cleaning protocols as published by the Centers for Disease Control and common restrooms will be cleaned twice daily. This is to ensure the safety of all students. University Housing will also provide cleaning solution and cleaning instructions for all other rooms to help residents keep their bathrooms as clean and sterile as possible.

Dining Services

Due to operational changes by the University and University Housing for this academic year, Dining Services will offer an altered operations schedule, as well. Norse Commons cafeteria will be the only residential dining hall open this year. **Callahan/East Village Bistro will not be open during this academic year.** Tentative hours of operation for Dining Services, including retail restaurants are as follows (all other locations will be closed for the academic year):

	Monday - Thursday	Friday	Weekends
Norse Commons Residential Cafeteria	7:30 am - 10:00 pm	7:30 am - 8:00 pm	Brunch: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Dinner: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Starbucks	7:30 am - 9:00 pm	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Closed
The Travel Wagon	10:30 am - 7:00 pm	10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Closed
SBARRO's	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Closed
SU Convenience Store	7:30 am - 6:30 pm	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Closed
Einstein Bro's Bagels	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Closed

*Hours are subject to change for University closures and holidays.

Campus Shuttle and Bike Ridership Program

The [Campus Shuttle](#) will operate approximately every 30 minutes on a new loop for this year. The shuttle will run during the following hours. (Hours are subject to change for holidays.)

NKU Campus Shuttle Schedule	
Monday through Friday	7:30 am - 11:30 pm
Weekends	10:30 am - 2:00pm and 4:30pm - 8:00pm

The campus shuttle route will include:

- Northern Terrace/Callahan Hall
- Student Union/Rec Center/FUEL NKU
- Natural Science Building
- Norse Commons
- MEP Center

NKU will also prioritize bicycles in the [Bike Ridership Program](#) to Boothe Village and the East Residential Village to give residential students a greater opportunity to utilize the available bicycles.

If you have additional questions, you are encouraged to attend the University Housing Town Hall on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. To sign up, please visit the following link: <https://connect.nku.edu/register/?id=6df2f151-d0f2-458f-86a3-5c27ea408579>. If you have already registered for the Housing Town Hall, you do not need to re-register.

Thank you for your consideration and patience.

Sincerely,

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