

COVID-19

Guide to Residential Living

Creighton
UNIVERSITY

Division of Student Life
Residential Life & Housing

General Health Safety Expectations for Residential Living

Health Screenings: Please refer to [“Caring for Our Creighton Community, Reopening Campus: A guide for Students, Faculty, and Staff”](#) for information on the Health Screening expectations and phases.

Health screenings that take place in the residence halls will occur seven days a week between the hours of 7:30am and 12:30pm. Screening stations will be located in the main residence hall lobby.

Wearing of Facial Coverings: Face coverings should be worn in the residence halls as students travel through the hall. This includes travel to and from community bathrooms, the laundry room, and other student’s rooms. When you have someone come to your room (i.e. guest or University employee) you need to put on your facial covering before answering the door. For residents living in residence halls with community style bathrooms, it is the expectation that you are wearing your facial covering when you are using the bathroom. When you are showering, it is recommended that you take a paper bag or sealable plastic bag or container to store your facial covering while you shower. When removing your facial covering, remember to clean your hands with either soap and water or hand sanitizer before removing.

Additional information about wearing a facial covering on campus can be found in [“Caring for Our Creighton Community, Reopening Campus: A guide for Students, Faculty, and Staff”](#).

Visitors/Guests: For the fall semester, we will be limiting visitor or guest access to the residence halls. This is done as a precautionary measure to limit the spread of COVID-19 and help build healthy communities on campus. Additional information about the different phases of visitor access to the residence halls can be found in [“Caring for Our Creighton Community, Reopening Campus: A guide for Students, Faculty, and Staff”](#).

Social Families: Residents will be encouraged to form “Social Families” in order to practice COVID-19 good health practices and aide in their development as young adults. Social families allow students to have a close group of individuals with who they maintain contact with while minimizing the risk of exposure. A social family is a small group of individuals who all agree to maintain health practices (hand hygiene, wearing a facial covering while in public, and limiting contact with other individuals), so that they can maintain a closer social connection with one another. Residents are encouraged to have thoughtful and engaging conversations with individuals to build their social family to make sure that everyone agrees to the same terms, ensuring they will use practices to limit the spread of COVID-19. Individuals in a social family will still need to adhere to the Creighton Standard and wear a facial covering when hanging out with each other.

Routine Maintenance and Repairs: Per the Housing Agreement, Facilities Management has access to student rooms to complete submitted work orders as well as routine maintenance. The Facilities Management staff partake in daily health screenings on campus, in addition they are required to wear a facial covering. Most work orders are completed between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday-Friday; however, in times of an emergency work order, Facilities Management will access the room after hours and over the weekend. Any time Facilities Management needs to complete a work order, they will knock on the residence hall room door and announce themselves prior to entering the room.

Cleaning in the Residence Halls: Facilities Management will continue with their daily schedules of cleaning the common areas of the residence halls. Additionally, they will be disinfecting the high touch-point areas multiple times a day including the weekends. In many of the shared spaces in the residence halls, community members will also be provided sanitation spray and paper towels so that after a student uses a space they can wipe down the area (ex: using a table to study in a floor lounge).

Shared Spaces in the Residence Halls

Residents will be required to practice social distancing (6 feet or more distance) and wear their facial covering when using common or shared spaces in the residence halls.

Community Bathrooms: In the residence halls with shared bathrooms, only residents of that floor or wing will be permitted to use the bathroom on the floor. This is being put into place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to ensure that only residents of that floor are using this shared space. Guests will need to use the public bathrooms located on the first floor of the building or return to their own floor to use the bathroom. Residents should practice social distancing in the bathroom and ensure that they are not congregating with individuals for long periods of time.

Community Kitchens: Due to the size and communal nature of the kitchens, they have been taken offline and will not be available for use during the fall semester. Use of this space will be evaluated over winter break to determine if the space can come back online for the spring semester.

Fitness Rooms (Kenefick & Heider Halls): To ensure proper sanitation and social distancing, these spaces have been closed for the fall semester. Use of this space will be evaluated over winter break to determine if the space can come back online for the spring semester.

Floor Lounges (Neutral Zones): Residential Life and Housing have determined the maximum occupancy of these spaces and have posted this occupancy number within the neutral zone. Additionally, furniture has been set in the neutral zones to promote social distancing. We encourage you to use these spaces to study and hang out, but make sure that you are still practicing social distancing, wearing your facial covering, and practicing good hand hygiene.

Game Rooms & Game Equipment: Due to the communal nature of the game equipment (i.e. pool table and ping pong table), these items have been removed for the fall semester. Use of these spaces and equipment will be evaluated over winter break to determine if the space/equipment can come back online for the spring semester.

Hall Chapels: Many of the residence hall chapels will remain online this year for residents to use for individual spiritual use. Signs have been posted to alert residents of the maximum occupancy of each space.

Mail Rooms: Due to the access restrictions to buildings during phase one of re-opening, residents living in traditional residence halls will pick up their packages from one central location. Gallagher, Kiewit, Swanson, Deglman, and McGloin residents will be able to pick up their packages from Swanson Hall using the south side exterior entrance. For residents living in apartment style residence halls (Heider, Kenefick, Opus and Davis), packages will continue to be distributed from the front desk of the residence hall.

What Happens if Exposed to COVID-19 or Diagnosed with COVID-19?

What is Isolation? Isolation separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick. Isolation helps protect the public by preventing exposure from people who have or may have a contagious disease. See "[Caring for Our Creighton Community, Reopening Campus: A guide for Students, Faculty, and Staff](#)" for more information on what isolation means.

What is quarantine? Quarantine separates and restricts movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. Quarantine helps protect the public by preventing exposure to people who have or may have been exposed to someone with a contagious disease. See "[Caring for Our Creighton Community, Reopening Campus: A guide for Students, Faculty, and Staff](#)" for more information on what quarantine means.

Process for if you are sick (either test positive or are showing symptoms)

- Report your symptoms or test results to coronavirusresponse@creighton.edu
- A member of the Student Health Education and Compliance (SHEC) office will reach out and discuss next steps. During this process, it will be determined if you can return to your home (permanent address) or if you need an isolation room provided by Creighton. We are asking that all students that live within 300 miles from campus, arrange with their family to return home for their recovery.
- If it is determined that you will be staying in on campus isolation, the Resident Director On Duty (RDOD) will contact you shortly after your conversation with SHEC to inform you of your relocation.
- Based on the plan given by the RDOD, you will follow the directives and move to the isolation space.
- Once relocated, you will follow the directives given by SHEC until you are symptom free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication; and are released by SHEC.
- Students in isolation will be provided a meal delivery service.

Process for if you are exposed to COVID-19

- Students who are exposed to COVID-19, will most likely find out from a contact tracer within Student Health Education and Compliance (SHEC). If you are connected from someone not within SHEC, you should report information of a potential exposure to coronavirusresponse@creighton.edu and a member of SHEC will follow up with you.
- Based on the conversation with SHEC, it may be determined that you need to enter a 14 day quarantine period to monitor symptoms.
- We are asking that students that live within 300 miles from campus, arrange with their family to return home for their quarantine period. If you are unable to do this, the University will provide quarantine housing.
- If it is determined that you will be staying on campus to quarantine, the Resident Director On Duty (RDOD) will contact you shortly after your conversation with SHEC to inform you of your relocation.
- Based on the plan given by RDOD, you will follow the directives and move to the quarantine space.
- Once relocated, you will follow the directives given by SHEC until you have completed your quarantine period and are released by SHEC.
- Students in quarantine will be provided a meal delivery service.

Compliance and Enforcement

For information on compliance and reporting, please refer to [“Caring for Our Creighton Community, Reopening Campus: A guide for Students, Faculty, and Staff”](#).

Enforcement: Because the [Creighton COVID-19 Community Standards](#) are for the benefit of Creighton community members during the COVID-19 pandemic, the appropriate University representative will take action to address any instances of noncompliance. Progressive discipline utilizing the following framework will be enacted:

- 1st instance of deliberate noncompliance evidencing disregard for campus safety: written notification citing the Creighton COVID-19 Community Standards. The reported behavior will be shared with the community member with a reminder of the University’s expectation of adherence to the Creighton COVID-19 Community Standards.
- 2nd instance of deliberate noncompliance evidencing disregard for campus safety: information is shared with the appropriate University representative for follow up with the individual in writing including education on the responsibility that each of us have in the Creighton community to care for ourselves and others.
 - For students: The Office of Community Standards and Wellbeing will coordinate outreach with key campus partners, including but not limited to resident directors, academic advisors, etc.
 - For staff and administrators: Information will be shared with the individual manager/supervisor and Human Resources for appropriate follow up.
 - For faculty: Information will be shared with the department chair and dean’s office for appropriate follow up.
- 3rd instance of noncompliance evidencing deliberate disregard for campus safety: information is shared with the appropriate University entity for formal disciplinary action.
 - For students: Formal notification of an alleged violation of Creighton’s community standards and follow-up in a formal student disciplinary process by the Office of Community Standards and Wellbeing. Consequences include but are not limited to a formal documentation and warning that behavior must be immediately corrected, a campus ban, and other corrective action. Continued disregard for the Creighton COVID-19 Community Standards could lead to suspension or expulsion.
 - For staff and administrators: Engagement in the progressive discipline process as outlined in Creighton University’s Guide to Policies. Consequences include but are not limited to a formal documentation and warning that behavior must be immediately corrected, a campus ban, a fine (to be donated by the University to CURA) and other corrective action. Continued disregard for the Creighton COVID-19 Community Standards could lead to dismissal.
 - For faculty: The dean or the dean’s designee will be tasked with follow-up and resolution of the matter mindful of the Faculty Handbook. Consequences include but are not limited to a formal documentation and warning that behavior must be immediately corrected, a campus ban, a fine (to be donated by the University to CURA) and other corrective action. Continued disregard for the Creighton COVID-19 Community Standards could lead to dismissal.

Creighton University reserves the right to take immediate formal disciplinary action in instances of blatant disregard for campus safety.