



# NVU COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

## Spring 2021 Code of Conduct Addendum

Due to COVID-19 there will be additional policies that will be included in this addendum. It is the expectation at Northern Vermont University that all members of our community will act in the best interests of the community. All policies and procedures for living on campus will be enforced. Students living on campus must follow all policies in the University handbook along with the modified policies for this addendum. There are a number of modified policies for every student living on-campus. These new policies are outlined below and are subject to change as determined by the University, CDC, and Department of Health Guidance at any time. The modified policies are part of the Housing Contract and the Residence Life and Housing policies for the 2020-2021 academic year. A violation of these requirements or the NVU Pledge will be a violation of your Housing Contract. Those violations will be adjudicated through the student Code of Conduct process. This may result in immediate removal from University Housing, or other sanctions. Please read this information thoroughly. It will be understood that if you choose to live on campus this spring and maintain your current housing contract, you are agreeing to abide by the current student code of conduct and this addendum.

### Period of occupancy and fees

Students may opt out of housing due to COVID-19 related circumstances up until January 18. We will not accept COVID related withdrawals after that time. Likewise, if a student is removed from housing due to policy violations from the current code of conduct, this addendum or the NVU Pledge, they will not receive a refund or proration to their room and board fees.

### Mask Policy

When in a residence hall: All students should have a suitable face covering with them at all times. Students should wear face coverings such as cloth masks when outside of their room including public areas, common areas etc... Those living in a suite/apartment will decide as a group a mask policy for the suite area when only the residents of that space are present. When a person that does not live in the suite/apartment or room enters the suite/apartment common area/room a mask must be worn and social/physical distancing must be practiced. If a University official enters your living space you should have a mask available for your use.

When you leave a Residence Hall: All students should have a face covering with them at all times and should be prepared to wear it if they cannot follow social/physical distancing guidelines.

### Residential visitor policy in suites and rooms

Due to Covid-19 and the safety of our residents, the guest policy in the residence halls is that no guests from off campus (i.e. nonresidential students, family, and friends) are allowed to be in the residence halls. Additionally, students will not be permitted to enter a residence hall other than the one which they are assigned. University employees performing their job responsibilities will be allowed to enter residence halls to perform their job duties.

#### Modifications to Residential Policies

- Apartment/Suite/Common Areas: the following number of people will be permitted in these areas (including rooms) at any given time.
  - Johnson Common areas: 6
  - Johnson- Martinetti kitchen: 1
  - Johnson- 1br Campus Apartment: 3
  - Johnson- 2br+ Campus Apartment: 6
  - Lyndon- Arnold/Bayley/Poland/Rogers: 10
  - Lyndon- Rita Bole Complex: 9
  - Lyndon- Wheelock: 6
- Rooms: Residence hall room capacity will be one more than the number of beds in the room. Single= 2, Double=4, Triple= 4. \*This includes resident of the room
- Students will only have ID card access to their residence hall.
- Only two people can use recreational equipment, pool table etc. when using equipment students must wear masks when participating.
- No more than one person can ride in an elevator in the residence halls at a time.
- All move in/move out procedures must be followed in accordance with Residential Life.
- All students must abide by the social/physical distancing guidelines put for forth by the State of Vermont all times. This includes, but is not limited to, when in another student's room, lounge spaces, bathrooms, laundry rooms, and lobby areas etc. Students must comply with all posted signs in lounges and common areas to support and follow physical distancing guidelines.
- Students must sign and agree to the NVU Pledge, along with the addendum to the Housing contract to live in the residence halls.
- The University reserves the right to change or cancel specific room assignments in the interest of health, discipline, security, energy conservation, or the general welfare of the students, and reserves the right to change or alter the living and/or recreational arrangement in the residence halls when deemed appropriate. The University reserves the right to consolidate the room assignments when deemed necessary. During the first two weeks of each semester there is a room freeze; any room changes will take place after the freeze, with the exception of extenuating circumstances. Students requesting room changes must obtain prior approval from Residential Life.



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