

UWI St. Augustine Campus

Hall of Residence COVID 19 Resident Guidelines

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1. Introduction

The Halls of Residence are high contact, high risk areas on campus. Due to the nature of these facilities with many students living in close quarters and sharing common facilities, the controls and protocols to protect residents and staff presents a very difficult challenge to the campus. This document outlines the protocols to ensure that the population of the halls are safe from possible exposure and infection from the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) virus or COVID-19 (as it is commonly called.)

The guide is in compliance with the campus **POST COVID-19 Office Operation Guidelines** and the **Ministry of Health COVID-19 Public Health Regulations**.

2. General Guidelines for Students Living on Hall

2.1. General

1. All students of the Halls are required to be fully vaccinated and provide evidence of receiving the prescribed number of doses of a WHO-approved COVID-19 vaccine at least two weeks prior to arrival. Note that the stipulation for a WHO-approved vaccine is consistent with the approved national vaccination policy in Trinidad and Tobago.
2. Students on hall must sign in and out of hall whenever they leave the property. Students must comply with the arrival protocols below.
3. To limit the need for students to travel, the hall will work closely with Campus Estate Police to organize shuttles for shopping, medical and other essential services when possible.
4. Students must advise the hall administration if they will be away from hall for an overnight period. Students will be required on returning to undertake enhanced entry health screen by completing the **COVID-19 STUDENT ARRIVAL SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE**, in Appendix 1.
5. All students are to comply with regular Health screening; in the form of temperature checks and fortnightly screening forms.
6. **Residents are not permitted any visitors in the hall rooms or common areas** until further notice.
7. Students are permitted to receive packages from outside, these items must be left at the entrance and collected from Hall administration.
8. All students are required to join the Hall WhatsApp chat group so that they are able to receive notices and emergency correspondence as necessary.
9. Students not complying with any of the guidelines listed will be asked to immediately leave the Hall of Residence.

2.2. Mask Mandate & Social Distancing

1. Face coverings are required at all times in all public spaces, indoors or outdoors. Reusable face coverings are best for everyday use and should be washed between uses. Disposable face

coverings are best for activities that require frequent changing or may become soiled in the course of work. It is not compulsory to wear face coverings when alone in your private, single-occupancy room with the door closed.

2. Individuals are expected to stay at least 6 feet from other individuals at all times, to not congregate in groups, and avoid crowded spaces.
3. Students are required to follow restrictions related to the maximum number of occupants permitted in common areas. Some areas may require an appointment for use; e.g. Computer Labs.
4. All common areas will be closed off during cleaning and maintenance to ensure adequate social distancing between staff and students.

2.3. Personal Hygiene and Sanitization

1. The washing of hands, or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, is a simple, safe, and effective method against the spread of the coronavirus.
2. Students are required to clean and sanitize all surfaces used in common and shared facilities; e.g. Laundry, kitchens and bathrooms

3. New Student Arrival

- New students must inform the hall administration (via email to Hall Manager or Supervisor) of their check in date and time to ensure adequate social distancing. **Note strict social distancing will be enforced for arriving students and student who do not make the necessary arrangements may be required to wait in the carpark until there is adequate space.**
- No mask no entry. Anyone entering the hall must have on a mask.
- All students and other occupants of their transport, must submit to a temperature test and complete the New Arrival Screening Form. **See Appendix 1.** Anyone with a temperature on or over 38°C will not be allowed entry.
- Students must complete and sign the New Arrival Screening Form. You must pass all criterion to be allowed to check in.
- On completing the medical screening questionnaire all belongings are to be off loaded in the designated areas, no guests are allowed to enter the hall or to assist with moving items to the rooms. (Trolleys will be provided)

4. Screening, Logs and Contact Tracing

All persons entering the hall must be screened by the Porter at the main entrance. Persons will be asked to review the General Health Screening Form and advise of any illness or exposure to confirmed COVID 19 cases. This form must be posted at entrance to hall and at the Porters Station.

On entry their temperature will be taken, using a contact-less UV thermometer, at the porter station and recorded in the Registry at the desk.

Note: Staff must stay home when sick and students are required to report to the Hall Supervisor or their RA if they have any symptoms or have been exposed to possible COVID 19 cases. See guidelines for Suspected Cases Below.