

Dear Falcon Residents:

I hope you are enjoying your summer, and that you are safe and well. We are so excited to see you in the Fall, and I know you are excited to arrive to campus. It's hard to believe we will be together in a few short weeks. Things have changed due to implementation of policies for reducing the risks associated with COVID-19 while living in a residence hall. I would like to share these changes so you are prepared for your return to campus.

### **Move-In**

Our move-in process will begin on August 1-7. All students, unless you are a student-athlete or international student and have prior approval to move in early, will participate in a pre-registration move-in system beginning on August 1. Here's how the process works:

- Students will sign up via online registration. Students will be given the opportunity to select a time period to move in and will have 2 hours to move their belongings into the residence halls with no more than two guests to assist them. Continue to watch your email over the summer for more information on move-in sign-ups.
- Students and their two guests will arrive to campus on their previously selected date and time. Upon arrival parties will need to check-in at a wellness tent. Students must show verification of a COVID-19 vaccine or proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the 72 hours prior to move-in. If a student does not have either of these they will be given a rapid COVID-19 test onsite, this will be done at the student's own expense. Guests will be required to participate in a quick health screening before heading to the student's assigned residence hall.
- Date and Times for Move-In are as follows:
  - University Terrace Residents - August 1;
  - First-Time Freshmen, Nursing, and Education majors - August 2-5; and
  - Upperclassmen- August 6-7.
- For our students and families who are traveling from out of state, please feel free to secure lodging at local hotels. We cannot offer on campus lodging.

### **New campus wide immunization policy change**

Starting Fall 2021, immunization compliance and record tracking will be done by Student Health Services. You will soon learn how to sign into your secure student health portal through myFairmontState. On your portal site, you will be able to directly upload your immunization records and/or your titer information. Please find the list of vaccinations below required of all newly admitted students and all housing students:

- MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) – 2 doses or bacterial/serological evidence of immunity to each component of the vaccine;
- Varicella (Chickenpox) – 2 doses or laboratory/serological evidence of immunity;
- Tetanus (Tdap) – Dose within the last 10 years;

- Polio – 3 doses; and
- Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV4 or Quadrivalent) – Dose received within the last 5 years.

In addition, the following are strongly recommended prior to enrollment at Fairmont State University:

- Tuberculosis screening;
- Hepatitis A vaccine or combined Hepatitis A&B vaccine;
- Annual Influenza (Flu) vaccine;
- Human Papillomavirus (HP-9) – Gardasil (for females and males);
- Pneumovax, if indicated;
- Hepatitis B – 3 dose series or laboratory/serological evidence of immunity; and
- COVID-19 vaccine (Proof of COVID vaccination may result in relaxed COVID protocols).

More information regarding your student health portal will be shared with you in future communications.

### Your Student ID Card

Have you taken steps to get your student ID yet? For Fall 2021, all students will be required to wear or otherwise carry their University issued Student ID card. Additionally, Bryant Place and University Terrace Housing students will use this ID card to obtain entrance in/out of the residence hall and your residence hall room. Proof of COVID vaccination may result in relaxed COVID protocols. All Housing students will need their ID Card to obtain entrance into the Falcon Center or Dining Hall. The guidelines on submitting your photo are:

- **Once you have registered for** classes you are eligible to submit a photo for your student ID by accessing our [ID card web portal](#). Photos will be accepted from registered new students now through July 25<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your printed ID from the Falcon Center front desk beginning July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Use your university credentials to log in using the link above. (Remember, your username is typically the first letter of your first name, your last name, and a number. Ex: Jdoe12)
- Make sure you read through the photo requirements – as this is your university identification, only photos meeting certain specifications will be accepted! You will receive either an approval or rejection email after your photo is reviewed by staff – please continue to monitor your Fairmont State email account.

Questions? Let us know!

ID Card Services

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### Updates

We want you to understand we are engaging in safety measures to help keep you safe while you are living in the residence hall and being on campus. Much of the mitigation of the virus spreading will depend on **you adhering to the standards** put into place and taking personal accountability for your health and safety.

At this time, we are excited to announce to you that students will be permitted to have one outside guest or visitor (anyone who does not live within your residence hall) visit the residence hall.. Guests will be required to complete a quick online Health Screening at the Main Desk of the respective residence hall they are visiting. Residents may visit the rooms of other residents but should always wear a mask, unless all students visiting have a COVID-19 vaccine. Continue to check your email for more details on the Fall 2021-Spring 2022 visitation policy.

Common spaces, lounge areas, and community kitchens will be open for student use or congregation. At this time, you are required to wear a mask within a residence hall and outside of your residence hall room. Proof of COVID vaccination may result in relaxed COVID protocols. Residents should always exercise good handwashing any time you touch buttons, handrails, or doors.

### **What You Can Do to Stay Safe**

We can't eliminate all the risks of spreading COVID-19 while living in a residence hall, but with your help there are many things we can do to mitigate the risks. Beyond what I have mentioned above, we will continue to keep our residence halls clean. Again, some of this will require your help!

### **So Let's Recap**

- Move-In is scheduled for August 1-7 on a pre-registration system.
- You are strongly encouraged to get your COVID vaccine before July 25, 2021. Proof of COVID vaccination may result in relaxed COVID protocols.
- You can have 1 visitor,, for no more than 2 consecutive days, and with a online health screening completed at the Main Desk.
- Programming will take place in face to face formats and some virtual.
- Wash and sanitize your hands on a regular basis. [Here are some guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) regarding handwashing and other prevention measures you can take.](#)
- If you believe you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, complete the illness reporting form and report to Student Health or your Primary Care Physician so they can assess you. Don't forget to tell your health care provider that you live in a residence hall on our campus.
- [Review more CDC guidelines and information regarding COVID-19.](#)

We look forward to seeing you in August...from a safe distance!

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