

Dear Queens Students,

Thank you for your patience as the University has carefully considered housing options that prioritize the safety of students, staff, and faculty. Relying on guidance from [public health](#) and [higher education organizations](#)—as well as county, state, and federal officials, we feel the most responsible decision is to reduce the density of students living on campus.

Although the 2020-21 housing structure will be unconventional, we are confident that it will be an incredible year on campus. It is *critical* that you read through this information thoughtfully and carefully as it directly impacts your next steps.

1. Reduced density [housing options](#) have been modified to accommodate mostly singles and limited doubles
2. Because of the natural proximity of athletic teams, student athletes will be grouped together by teams in corridor-style housing to reduce potential exposure to the broader campus community
3. The following safety precautions will be in effect for all residential students to help protect against the spread of COVID-19:
  - **Bathrooms** – students assigned to suite-style housing are expected to abide by a University issued bathroom cleaning schedule
  - **Visitors** – visitors are not allowed in the residence halls in any capacity (stay tuned for more information on move-in and move-out)
  - **Social distancing** – students will be expected to practice recommended [social distancing measures](#) in the residence halls
  - **Face coverings** – within the common areas of each residence hall (i.e. lobbies, kitchens, study rooms, laundry rooms, etc.) students are expected to provide and wear face masks where 6' of social distancing cannot be guaranteed
  - **Alcohol consumption** – consumption of alcohol will not be allowed on campus, regardless of age
  - **Isolation policy** – students who become symptomatic or who have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 will be expected to isolate, per the recommendations of the CDC
4. All students—new and returning—will complete a new housing & campus life contract based on modified housing options
  - The [housing & campus life contract](#) opens Monday, June 22 at 9:00 a.m.
  - The [housing & campus life contract](#) closes Monday, June 29 at 9:00 a.m.
5. Students who do not complete applications by the Monday, June 29 9:00 a.m. deadline will be placed into housing by Residence Life & Housing staff based on availability
6. We hope to finalize housing assignments by mid-July barring any unforeseen circumstance

To safely welcome students, staff, and faculty back to campus, it is critical that we all work together and do what we can to keep one another safe.

Best,

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