



U of SC Aiken

University Housing and Residence Life

University Housing COVID-19 Response Plan

The UofSC Aiken University Housing COVID-19 Protocols and Process follow the guidance that has been set by the University of South Carolina Policies 3.03 and 3.04. These policies set the self-quarantine and isolation policies and processes for the institution and provide definitions that provide clarity in carrying out these processes.

Self-Quarantine Protocol and Process

The Self-Quarantine Protocols apply to all residents who either (1) do not present COVID-19 test results verifying a negative test outcome at the time of Move In to University Housing, or (2) those residents who have been exposed to another person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

During a self-quarantine period, a resident will need to do the following:

- Wear your mask at all times when in any common space;
- Contact your advisor regarding the need to complete your classes online during the quarantine period;
- Use the Take Out option for all meals in the SAC Café (you are not allowed to dine at the SAC Café during the quarantine);
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 daily, and contact your healthcare provider or the Student Health Center should any symptoms appear;
- Limit your time out of your room (only go out for necessary items: food pick-up, medical treatment, etc.)

Protocols for a resident self-quarantining because of not having COVID-19 test results prior to moving into campus housing:

- If a negative COVID-19 test result is received (the resident does not have COVID-19), then the resident will be notified to end the self-quarantine period. However, all residents must continue to follow all of the COVID-19 Protocols established by the university, including the wearing of masks, the maintenance of social distancing, and the practicing of good personal hand hygiene. See <https://www.usca.edu/pacer-ready> for further details on university COVID-19 Protocols and Processes.
- If a positive COVID-19 test result is received (the resident does have COVID-19), then the resident will need to notify University Housing and per UofSC Policy 3.03 the resident will need to follow the University Housing Isolation Protocol and Process.

Protocols for a resident self-quarantining because of exposure to someone with COVID-19:

- The quarantine period will last for 14 days, beginning with the date of the last exposure to the person testing positive.
- Residents will be asked to quarantine at an off-campus residence and/or their permanent residence unless there is no other safe location. If this is the case, campus housing may be provided.
- Testing for COVID-19 is not required. Even if a resident chooses to be tested, and the results are negative, quarantine must continue for the full 14 days.

- If a resident develops symptoms of COVID-19 during the quarantine period, the resident should notify the Student Health Center and get tested. At this point, quarantine changes to isolation. Isolation begins on day one of the onset of symptoms and continues for a minimum of 10 days as long as symptoms have improved and the resident is fever free without the use of medications for one day.

All self-quarantined residents will be tracked by University Housing to verify the COVID-19 results and to determine if a resident must isolate.

Isolation Protocols and Processes

A resident that has COVID-19 test results that are positive (the resident does have COVID-19) then the resident will need to isolate off campus (or at home or your permanent address), per UofSC Policy 3.03. If this is impossible, University Housing will work with the resident on another solution if an on campus option unavailable.

The following Pacer Downs apartments are set up as isolation units with a capacity of three (3) residents per apartment:

825 A, 825 B, 825 C, 825 D

There will be one (1) resident in each bedroom and an additional resident set up with a bed in the living room. This will allow for social distancing:

During an isolation period, a resident will need to do the following:

- Remain in the isolation apartment for a minimum of 10 days. Isolation is over at the end of 10 days as long as the symptoms have improved and the resident has been fever-free without the use of medications for 1 day;
- Not leave the isolation apartment during this period;
- Contact his or her advisor regarding the need to complete your classes online during the isolation period;
- Use the Contactless Food Delivery option so meals may be brought to the isolation apartment on a daily basis;
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and contact his or her healthcare provider or the Student Health Center should any symptoms appear;
- Remain in contact with Student Health Center on a daily basis, as it tracks the resident's recovery

All isolated residents will be tracked by University Housing to verify when the isolation period will end and the resident may return to his or her room assignment.

Isolation Apartment Supplies

Each of the isolation apartments will be set up with the following supplies for use by residents placed in them.

- Cleaning Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Trash Cans with Liners
- Paper plates, paper cups, napkins, and plastic ware

Additionally, each apartment will be configured to have a bed mattress, desk, desk chair, and dresser placed into the living room for a third isolated resident.

Isolation Apartment Cleaning

Once an isolation apartment has been vacated by a resident with COVID-19, University Housing custodial staff will thoroughly clean the apartment, using proper PPE equipment and following COVID-19 enhanced cleaning protocols. The apartment would then be ready for use again as an isolation apartment.

Policy Enforcement

Failure to follow these processes or abide by any COVID-19 related protocol will result in a charge of Failure to Comply and a referral to Judicial Affairs.