



U of SC Aiken

University Housing and Residence Life

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Greetings:

University Housing is getting ready for your return to campus over the move in days of Friday, August 14th through Monday, August 17th. In this final reminder, I want to provide you with an update on your assigned move in date and time, your room assignment, and a reminder to look out for the move in packet that has been sent to you in the mail this past Friday. There are additional items that have been sent out to you in our previous communications over the past month, but please take the time to look over them, so you are prepared for your return to the UofSC Aiken campus.

Room Assignment and Move In Date and Time

Your move in Date and Time is:

Your Room Assignment is:

Your Resident Mentor is:

If there is an extraordinary situation that would require a change to the move in time, please notify University Housing at housing@usca.edu. Please know that we are diligently working to ensure a smooth move in experience, while mitigating the potential spread of COVID-19.

More detailed information on move in may be found on the University Housing website [linked here](#).

Which Entrance to UofSC Aiken should be used for Move In

Move In for all residential students will begin at the Bell Parkway entrance to Leadership Drive. University Housing will begin the check in process there. Please see the [campus map here](#) to help you plan your arrival to campus.

Where will I pick up my keys for my Room Assignment

All residents, no matter if they will reside in Pacer Crossings, Pacer Commons, or Pacer Downs, will pick up their keys and start the check in process at the Pacer Crossings Plaza (located between Pacer Crossings and Pacer Commons). Temporary parking for check in is located between these two

buildings. Once you check in, you will be directed to the parking areas for your building. We do ask that you move your vehicle to those parking areas once you check in, to allow other residents and their families to use the temporary parking when they are checking in.

Bins will be available for residents to check out and use to move into the residence halls. They will be conveniently located in each area for you to check out. We do ask that you return them as soon as you are done, so they may be cleaned and readied for the next resident to use.

COVID-19 Testing before Move In

- All residential students must obtain a COVID-19 test as close to return date to campus as possible, however, a test should not be taken more than 10 days prior to the return to campus. Medical documentation of negative test results should be brought with the student to housing move in.
- Students testing positive prior to returning to campus will not be allowed to move into housing until after the minimum 10 day isolation period off campus. Once the student shows no signs of COVID-19 symptoms, including no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, the student will be provided a new date and time to move into University Housing. Students who test positive must notify University Housing at Housing@usca.edu, that they will need to check in at a later date and time. University Housing will coordinate a new date and time to check in and will provide this information to the student via email. Any student who has tested positive should contact his or her advisor to make arrangements to learn remotely through their quarantine period.
- If a student does not undergo a test prior to move in, student will be required to go to the Convocation Center prior to moving into their dorm room to get tested and then maintain a self-quarantine in their dorm room until results are obtained. Self-quarantine protocols will be provided to those residents at the time of move in.

Additional Information on Where to Find COVID-19 Testing

- SC DHEC test sites may be accessed at: <https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-screening-testing-sites> or check with your home state or community's health department.
- The Department of Health and Human Services has partnered with a number of national chains to create a network of no cost test sites (<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>).
- Your personal health care provider may also direct you to testing resources. Mail-in tests are available via LabCorp <https://www.pixel.labcorp.com/at-home-test-kits/covid-19-test> and Quest (<https://www.everlywell.com/products/covid-19-test/>).
- Augusta University Health is also option <https://www.augustahealth.org/expresscare/covid-19-virtual-screening>

What to Bring, What not to Bring, and What to Bring for COVID-19

University Housing has developed a list of items that are recommended for all residents to bring and not to bring when they return to camps in August. Please look over the list which is available on the University Housing website on the What to Bring page, which is linked here.

Please pay particular attention to the recommended COVID-19 items that you should bring with you when you move in, including masks, cleaning supplies, and other items that would not normally be on your packing list. These will be very important to you, as masks will be required in most common spaces, including in classrooms, while you are on campus in the fall.

Housing Agreement Addendum

University Housing is issuing an Addendum to the UofSC Aiken Housing Agreement to provide you with greater detail about how these changes may impact your residential experience in the coming year. You can find this document [linked here](#). Additionally, the letter that explained the Addendum is available for your [review here](#). Please take the time to carefully review each item to make an informed decision about living in residential housing for the 2020-2021 school year.

There may be additional modifications needed as the year progresses and we track the impact of COVID-19 on our residential community and campus. As always, we will endeavor to update you with timely information about specific health and safety guidance important for our residential community.

Meal Plan Changes

If you want to make a change to your Meal Plan, you may do so through your Self-Service Carolina until August 9, 2020. Should you wish to make a change to your Meal Plan, please do so prior to August 9, 2020. Meal Plan options and requirements may be found on the [University Housing website here](#).

Parking Decals

There is ample and close parking to all University Housing residence halls. Please know that all student vehicles must display parking decals for the upcoming academic year; they are now available. The parking decals can be obtained from the University Police Department Office between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. University Police will also be open during Move In Weekend. Come by before Move In Day to get a jump start on the fall semester.

Carolina Card

Residents may choose to obtain their student picture ID at the University Police office prior to Move In Day. This will allow you to avoid the rush. Please contact the University Police Department Office at 803-631-3319 to set up an appointment. (Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.) University Police will also be open during Move In Weekend.

UofSC Aiken COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

University Housing has been working diligently as part of the university community to implement COVID-19 mitigation strategies. These include:

- Providing Diagnostic Testing throughout the year

- Educating Students about the Virus
- Establishing an Isolation Plan for residents diagnosed with COVID-19
- Contact Tracing in Partnership with SCDHEC
- Encouraging Personal Responsibility, including Requiring Mask Usage in Common Areas
- Social Distancing in Common Spaces and changes in Lounge and Study Room Usage
- Updated Cleaning Regimes

For more information on these mitigation strategies, please check out our Be Pacer Ready page at: <https://www.usca.edu/pacer-ready>

Questions

We look forward to your return. If you have questions, please e-mail the University Housing and Residence Life office at housing@usca.edu.

I am confident that we will have a great fall semester. And although our day-to-day practices have changed some over the past several months, we know that we will all be working together to ensure that we have a fun and safe semester at UofSC Aiken.

Pacer Proud,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Michael Kerr", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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