Welcome New Pacer:

Congratulations on your decision to attend UofSC Aiken and to move into University Housing. Living on-campus will provide you with access to events and services, which will make your experience at UofSC Aiken that much stronger.

These are still unprecedented times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I know that you are aware of the changes that have been implemented to ensure that University Housing is mitigating the risk of COVID-19. Below you will find important information on what you will need to do, in order to move in on campus in January 2021, and when you will need to do so.

**Moving into University Housing in January**

For the Spring Semester, University Housing will have two days to check into Housing, Saturday, 9th and Sunday, 10th January 2021. Here are some important items that you will need to know so that your return to University Housing goes smoothly:

- The check in will be conducted between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on both Saturday, 9 January and 10 January, 2021.
- Each resident will need to provide documentation of a **Negative COVID-19 Test** done no more than 5 days prior to the return to campus. More information on the COVID-19 Testing Requirement is below.
- Check-In for Spring Semester will take place at the tent on Leadership Drive, near the University Police Department and the Pacer Downs Office. The gates entering University Housing off the Bell Parkway will be closed until Sunday, 10 January 2021 at 5:00 pm; the [campus map](#) may assist you.
- If you are planning to attend the New Student Orientation on Wednesday, 6 January 2021 and need to move into Housing on that day, please contact University Housing at [Housing@usca.edu](mailto:Housing@usca.edu). We will set up a time to pick up your keys at the Housing Office in Pacer Crossings.

**COVID-19 Testing before Moving into University Housing**

**What if a COVID-19 Test is not able to be done before returning to campus?**

- Please be aware that should you be unable to complete your COVID-19 test before returning to campus, there will be an option on-campus to be tested when you return.
- If residents are not able to get a test prior to returning to campus, they will be able to be tested at the UofSC Aiken Convocation Center from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm on both Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th January 2021; there will be no fee for the test, though residents will need to provide their UofSC Aiken Student ID.
- Residents will be required to go to the Convocation Center prior to returning into their dorm room to get tested. Testing documentation will be provided to you and you will be required to show this to University Housing staff, and then maintain a self-quarantine in your dorm room until results are obtained.
- Self-quarantine protocols will be provided to those residents at the time of move in.
What if a Positive Test Result comes back?

- Residents 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 and the UofSC Aiken COVID Coordinators at COVIDCoordinators@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 and professors to make arrangements to learn remotely through their quarantine or isolation periods.

Additional Information on Where to Find COVID-19 Testing

- SC DHEC test sites may be accessed at: https://scdhec.gov/covid19/find-covid-19-testing-location or check with your home state or community’s health department.

Final Thoughts

Again, thank you for working with us in these unusual circumstances.

Should you have any questions about any of the items in this email, please contact University Housing at 803.641.3790 or via email at housing@usca.edu.

One last reminder, the Office of University Housing and Residence Life will be closed from Thursday, 24 December 2020 through Monday, 4 January 2021. We will reopen at 8:30 am to serve you on that Monday. Should you contact us over the break, we will respond to you in January.

My best for the holidays and see you in 2021!

Pacer Proud,

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Director