

Health and safety requirements in residence halls

As we return to William & Mary and manage the impact of COVID-19 in our community, a mutual commitment to the health and well-being of one another has never been more critical. Here is what you need to know about living on campus this year:

Masks are required: Students are expected to wear face coverings everywhere in their residence hall except in their own room or suite. This requirement includes hallways, shared spaces and bathrooms, except when bathing, brushing teeth or eating.

Physical distancing: As elsewhere on campus, residents within an assigned hall are expected to maintain a distance of 6 feet between individuals.

Limits on guests: Residents are allowed one guest from within the same building in their room at a time, with the permission of roommates or suitemates. During the visit, the guest and residents should abide by mask-wearing and physical-distancing policies.

No outside visitors: Guests and visitors from outside a student's assigned residence hall are not permitted.

Gatherings are limited: No more than 10 people should assemble in one place unless otherwise specified for a particular event or venue (such as a classroom or university-sponsored activity). While a resident assistant or other W&M official may organize an appropriately distanced activity with more than 10 people, student-led gatherings should be limited to 10, maintaining a 6-foot distance between participants at all times.

Room doors: Leaving your door open is a great way to meet hallmates. Residents may open their room doors if policies regarding guests and COVID-19 safety are followed.

Lounges and kitchens: Shared spaces are available for students to gather based on the room's ability to allow for proper physical distancing. Residents should refer to posted signage for expectations regarding these spaces.

Potential consequences: Students who do not comply with health and safety requirements as outlined in the [Healthy Together Community Commitment](#) could face consequences including removal from on-campus housing, probation, suspension or permanent dismissal.

If you see something, say something: Students and other members of the W&M community may report violations of the Healthy Together Community Commitment using the [COVID concerns form](#).

Self-governance: Residents in each area, with the guidance of the Residence Life staff, develop guidelines and procedures of governance for living that allow for both individual freedom and the privacy and personal rights of community members. These self-determination policies do not supersede university-wide health and safety policies.

For assistance: Connect with your resident assistant, who has a wealth of knowledge and experience to share. Visit the Duty Office to connect with another RA if yours is not available.

Make your voice heard: Do you want to meet more people and have a voice in residence hall governance? Join the Community Council. Elections are happening soon.

Get to know your neighbors: Look for initiatives that your RA is planning as a way to meet fellow students.

