

Summer 2021 COVID-19 Community Living Guidelines & Code of Conduct Protocols

All students planning to reside at the Michael B. Smith Residential and Academic Facility have previously agreed to The Washington Center's Summer Code of Conduct and Community Guideline Expectations via the Application and the Community Profile. This document serves as synopsis of those specific policies relating to COVID-19 and the safety and health of our community. All residents are expected to sign their acknowledgment of these policies and their commitment to doing their part to safeguard our community.

COVID-19 Community Living Guidelines

Apartment Cleanliness

TWC residents are expected to disinfect and clean their apartments, particularly shared spaces, each week. TWC officials will do apartment inspections on a monthly basis to ensure the health and safety protocols are being taken seriously.

Common Area Access and Utilization

Students will be expected to wear masks covering their mouth and nose fully in all public spaces of The Washington Center's Residential Facility including, but not limited to, the lobby, fitness center, computer lab, patio and hallways.

Gatherings

Residents will be expected to maintain TWC standards in physical social distancing of 6 feet at all times outside of their apartments.

Guests

For the first two weeks of the semester (after check-in concludes), there will be no-external guests permitted in TWC's Residential and Academic Facility (RAF). After that two-week period, and for the remainder of the semester, you will be allowed to host one non-resident guest at any one time. While hosting guests, you and your apartment mate must comply with maximum occupancy limits as outlined in the Code of Conduct. Guests who are not residents of TWC's facility are permitted only after they submit proof that they have completed a COVID-19 vaccination regimen and receive prior approval from TWC's Student Services staff.

Screening and Symptom Reporting

Residents who are not vaccinated will be required to undergo COVID-19 testing as scheduled by The Washington Center. Any student who tests positive will be required to isolate in a quarantined space and follow the timeline as directed by medical professionals and TWC SSCL Staff.

All residents should regularly monitor themselves for symptoms and should report if they have symptoms or risk factors (such as exposure to a positive case) to TWC. TWC will instruct and advise residents on next steps of isolation, tracing, testing, and medical care.



Assumption of Risk

COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread primarily by person-to-person contact. As a result, federal and state health agencies recommend vaccination, social distancing, wearing of masks, rigorous hygiene and various other measures to mitigate the risk of spreading or contracting the virus.

TWC, in consultation with orders and guidance issued by the CDC, state, and local health authorities, has implemented reasonable preventative protocols, policies and procedures designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 on TWC's facilities, which may be updated from time to time. Students understand the importance of cooperating with TWC's guidelines and are expected to adhere to these protocols in order to reduce the risks of contracting or spreading the virus.

As part of these processes, all students residing in TWC's housing who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19 will be required to be tested on site by TWC's contracted nursing staff.

Students who have not been vaccinated should quarantine after they arrive at TWC's Residential and Academic Facility and must remain in quarantine at least until they receive a negative test result. Students with an in-person internship should not report to their internship until they receive their test results back and are cleared to do so.

Despite the protocols and procedures in place to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 at the RAF, there are inherent risks that a student may become infected with COVID-19 due to their presence at the RAF or by being in Washington D.C. These risks include, but are not limited to, the following: exposure to COVID-19, becoming infected with COVID-19, or becoming a symptomatic or asymptomatic carrier of the virus. Should a resident be exposed to and/or contract COVID-19, residents understand that TWC will notify appropriate parties to enact contact tracing protocols.

It is possible that a student is already an asymptomatic carrier of the virus before checking in to TWC housing and that they may infect other students, employees, or other individuals at TWC as a result of their attendance. Any person who receives a positive diagnosis of COVID-19 may encounter extended quarantine/self-isolation, additional tests, medical care, hospitalization, other potential complications, and the risk of death.

By enrolling in TWC's program and/or checking in to TWC housing, students acknowledge and assume the risks in COVID-19 policies and protocols.

All residents acknowledge that they have made the decision to join the residential component of The Washington Center's programs and will abide by the policies outlined by TWC in the [Code of Conduct and Community Living Guide](#).

Residents also acknowledge that violations of these safety and health guidelines will result in their removal from The Washington Center's Residential and Academic Facility. Conduct meetings to finalize sanctions will be scheduled within 24 hours of the reported violation 7 days per week.

Signature

Date

