



**MINNESOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY, MANKATO**

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

COVID-19 HOUSING ADDENDUM

Minnesota State University, Mankato aims to deliver its mission while protecting the health and safety of our students and minimizing the potential spread of disease within our community. As a resident, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus or similar public health crisis (“COVID-19”) will impact your housing experience as the University and the Department of Residential Life continue to make public health-informed decisions. The below policies and guidelines are incorporated into the *2020-2021 Minnesota State University, Mankato Residence Hall Student Guide* and the *2020-2021 Minnesota State University, Mankato Stadium Heights Student Guide* and are applicable to all residents. As always, we plan to update you with timely information about specific health and safety guidance important for our residents.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK.

Minnesota State Mankato holds as paramount the health, safety and welfare of every member of its community. Minnesota State Mankato, however, cannot guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. Unfortunately, the risk of COVID-19 exposure exists in all public places where people are present. Students, faculty and staff who are present on the physical campus of Minnesota State Mankato, may contract COVID-19; illness, injury or death is a possible result. Minnesota State Mankato is taking all recommended steps to mitigate this risk, but we cannot categorically guarantee that University community members will not get sick. Minimizing the risk of COVID-19 infections (or any other spread of disease) at Minnesota State Mankato is a shared responsibility. As outlined below, every member of our community – including you – must do their part.

HEALTH AND SAFETY.

We expect that all members of the residence hall community—residents, staff and visitors—act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them, including respect and consideration for the health and safety of all community members. All residents are prohibited from creating a health or safety hazard and Minnesota State Mankato may request or require a resident to leave the residence halls if their continued presence in the housing community poses a health or safety risk for community members. Residents are required to comply with health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations and health and safety guidance adopted by Minnesota State Mankato and Residential Life as it relates to public health crises, including COVID-19. This guidance will evolve as the public health crisis evolves and may include, but is not limited to, social distancing, limitations on mass gatherings, wearing a face covering, COVID-19 diagnostic and surveillance testing, contact tracing, disinfection protocols, and limitations on guests in residence halls including the prohibition of overnight guests in student rooms. Students who have traveled outside the United States are required to quarantine for two weeks upon return to the United States and may request a Quarantine space until that quarantine period is complete. Adherence to health and safety requirements applies to all residents, staff and visitors and extends to all aspects of residential life, including bedrooms, bathrooms, community kitchens, lounges, study rooms, courtyards and other common spaces.

QUARANTINE / ISOLATION / SEPARATION.

At any time, Minnesota State Mankato may request or require a resident to leave the residence halls when that resident's continued presence in the housing community poses a health or safety risk for community members. Residents are required to comply with requests from Residential Life to leave their assigned space due to COVID-19 or other public health emergency. Failure to do so may subject a student to administrative removal from their assigned space. Not all Residential Life resident rooms or halls are appropriate for self-quarantine or self-isolation, for example, and in those situations where a resident is recommended to self-quarantine or self-isolate, residents may be directed to quarantine in their assigned residential space or be provided with quarantine housing as needed. Relocation to isolate or quarantine does not constitute a termination of a resident's housing contract. Limited cleaning, meal and personal support will be provided to students in Isolation and Quarantine.

DINING.

Dining services, including where and how services will be offered to residents, is subject to the discretion of Minnesota State Mankato and is subject to modification to address public health concerns. Due to health and safety guidance, University Dining Services may limit the occupancy of dining venues, limit the amount of time students may reside within dining venues, or make other operational adjustments needed to address health and safety concerns.

CLEANING.

Residential Life will continue to implement and modify its cleaning protocols to address COVID-19 or other public health emergency in the interest of minimizing the spread of disease. Residential Life will educate and inform residents on appropriate cleaning protocols within their assigned spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within residence halls.

TERMINATION.

Upon reasonable notice, Residential Life reserves the right to terminate housing contracts due to public health emergency needs, including COVID-19. In the event Residential Life terminates housing contracts due to public health concerns, Minnesota State Mankato will offer fair and reasonable reimbursements for impacted students as appropriate and based on information available at that time.