

Hello,

I hope the spring semester is off to a good start. As we maintain our commitment to the health and safety of our entire residential community, I am writing today to share important reminders about our policies and protocols.

- **Masks are mandatory in all areas of the residence halls** except when you are alone in your room (or with your roommate/suitemates) or when you are engaging in personal grooming in the bathroom. ***When you have guests in your room, all of you must be wearing a mask.***
- **Masks must be worn properly.** This means covering your mouth and nose fully.
- **When you are in common areas, furniture should not be moved and physical distancing must be maintained.** If you are choosing to eat in a common area, you should maintain physical distance while eating.
- **Non-JCU affiliated guests are not permitted in our residential communities.** This includes visits from your parents, siblings, and significant others. This interim policy is in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our residential community and in the communities where your loved ones live. If others are coming to visit you, please meet them outside your residential area.
- **No overnight guests are permitted.** This includes other JCU students. Again, as we work to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 in our communities, limiting the numbers of people in the residence halls and in each room is critical.

As we continue to implement our comprehensive testing plan, including extensive contact tracing, we are learning that potential COVID-19 exposure is occurring because some are not remaining vigilant in their adherence to the policies detailed above. I recognize how much you want to spend time together with old and new friends, however, in order for us to successfully navigate the challenges presented by COVID-19 this semester, it is imperative that all of us do all that we can, including following these policies, to mitigate our risk and care for each other.

Additionally, **if you develop symptoms related to COVID-19, please remain in your room and contact the Student Health Center at (216) 397-4349.** If the Health Center is closed, please contact JCUPD at (216) 397-1234. The Health Center is able to provide support and access to testing as needed. Please contact the Health Center prior to making an appointment to have a COVID-19 test at an off-campus location. ***Do not ignore or fail to report symptoms related to COVID-19.***

If you have any questions about the [Interim Residence Life policies](#), please reach out to my office or your RA or CA.

Stay safe and let's continue to take care of ourselves and our community as we manage these challenging times together.

Sincerely,

Lisa Brown Cornelius
Senior Director of Residence Life