

Quarantine, Testing and Arrival Information Undergraduate Students Living in University Housing

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THE MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION...

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Students who will be quarantining (fixed or flexible) do not need to sign up for an on-campus testing appointment; they will be automatically assigned based on the quarantine dates. Students who are not required to quarantine, or who are completing an off-campus alternative quarantine, must sign up for their own on-campus testing appointment at <https://uhsconnect.ur.rochester.edu/>. **Testing days and times are now posted.**

Who is not required to quarantine? Who must quarantine?

Students coming from a CDC Level 1 country or from New York State, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont, or Massachusetts are not required to quarantine.

Students coming from CDC Level 2, 3 and 4 countries and those students from states other than NY, NJ, PA, VT, MA, and CT are required to complete a quarantine prior to returning to campus.

Do students have options for quarantine dates?

Yes. There will be a series of quarantine start dates beginning January 20 from which students may select their preferred date. These are fixed date quarantines meaning you must arrive on the day of the quarantine start. With these fixed date quarantines, there is no exception for late arrival as we are juggling the number of hotel rooms with the anticipated large number of students needing to quarantine with back-to-back reservations. For the fixed date quarantines, most will be complete prior to the start of class. We do recognize that some delays are beyond your control such as weather related delays or flight cancellations. If these occur you should contact:

winterstayhousing@reslife.rochester.edu and we will work with you to schedule an alternative option.

We will also have a flexible date quarantine option where students can define their arrival dates. The flexible quarantine option will begin around the first day of classes and students selecting this option will need to begin classes remotely.

The alternative quarantine option is also available and can include staying off campus at a friend's apartment, at an Airbnb, a different hotel option, etc. If a student is opting for the alternative option,

testing prior to arrival, a 3 day period of quarantine (not leaving that location), and testing on the fourth day by UHS all apply.

What are the fixed date quarantine start dates?

January 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.

Is there an option to quarantine in student rooms on campus?

No. All quarantines must be done at one of the hotels or in within one of the states noted above.

Who pays for the quarantine?

Residential Life will make the reservations for quarantine and manage the billing to take advantage of the University's tax exempt status. Residential Life will then bill students for the quarantine stay through their term bills sometime early spring term 2021. Students will be billed for three nights at \$99/night. Those students with financial need will be reviewed by Financial Aid and those with need will have their bills credited with financial aid at the rate of 30%, 60% or 95% depending on level of need.

Are meals covered as part of the Quarantine fee?

Yes. Hotel quarantine includes three meals a day. Students will be asked to indicate any dietary issues when they sign up for quarantine so that the hotel can accommodate.

Where do I sign up for quarantine?

Go to the Residential Life website <https://www.rochester.edu/reslife/> and look for the yellow banner announcement section.

Is any kind of testing required prior to arrival for quarantine?

Students must have a COVID test (type not specified) within three days of departure from their location, arrive in Rochester, quarantine three days; and on the fourth day take another COVID test (which will be a rapid test) through UHS. It is not necessary to have the results of the initial (pre-departure) test when you arrive in New York, but when you go for the test on the fourth day you must be able to show them the negative result at that time.

Testing is typically offered at national drugstore chains, urgent care and municipal sites. Students should check their county, state or country COVID-19 resources online. For students unable to arrange a COVID-19 test in their current (home) area, the University has identified [Vault Health](#) as a resource to provide at-home saliva-based COVID-19 test to complete in advance of your return to campus if you are within the United States. Test kits may be purchased directly from [Vault for \\$119](#).

Are there other specifics for the fixed date and flexible date quarantines?

If you will be participating in one of the fixed date or flexible date quarantines at one of the local hotels, you must arrive on the day of the start of the fixed date quarantine or the date you specified for your flexible date quarantine. Please send/upload a screen shot of proof of your pre-departure COVID test to <https://uhsconnect.ur.rochester.edu/> in advance of your arrival in Rochester. You do not have to have the results of the test at that time, just proof that you have received the test.

At the point of testing on the fourth day, you must be able to show UHS that the initial test came back negative. **Do not sign up in advance for a testing time—UHS and Residential Life will coordinate a specific signup for quarantining students that coincides with the release from hotel quarantine on the fourth day.**

Can I drop off my belongings in my room before I go to hotel quarantine?

Continuing students (those who lived in campus housing in the fall semester) may drop off belongings to their rooms upon arrival in Rochester but may not stay in the room. This should be a short visit to drop off items and pick up needed items for the quarantine period at the hotel. Students must check in at the hotel and remain there for the 3 required nights followed by on campus testing on the 4th day. The earliest quarantine begins on January 20. Any student who does not show up for quarantine and is found to have remained on campus will be referred to Center for Student Conflict Management for adjudication.

Students new to campus may drop off belongings during business hours 8:30 am to 5pm, Monday – Friday, and the weekends of January 23-24 and January 30-31 from 9:30 am – 5pm. Please call your area office to let them know to expect you. You will be allowed to borrow a room key to drop off your belongings and you must return it. You must then check in at the hotel.

When will students find out about hotel assignments?

Students should expect to hear from Residential Life about their hotel assignment and details approximately 3-4 days prior to arrival for quarantine.

How do students upload proof of a COVID test to UHS?

Here are the instructions for uploading proof of a COVID test to UHS:

Log into UHSConnect -- <https://uhsconnect.ur.rochester.edu/>

If you have trouble logging into UHSConnect, please email hfh@uhs.rochester.edu

Click on Document Upload

Click on the downward arrow under Document Type and choose COVID Test Results

Click on **Browse and find the document with your test results**

Click on **Save**

You will get a pop-up window that says **Upload Complete**

Click on **Close**

Exit UHSConnect

What must be done if I am signed up to quarantine at an alternative location?

For students who will be quarantining in an alternative location, you will sign up for an on-campus testing time on your own through <https://uhsconnect.ur.rochester.edu/>. You cannot move back to campus without having this COVID test through UHS. The earliest students are able to return to campus will be January 23 – your appointment is your testing time, followed by move-in. Please be sure to bring the results of the first COVID test when you arrive at the testing site in Goergen Athletic Center Field House. Please identify yourself to UHS staff as having completed an alternative quarantine and they will

ask to see your test results from your first test before you are allowed to proceed for the second COVID test.

Do I need to be tested before moving into the residence halls if I don't need to quarantine?

No prior COVID test is needed. All undergraduate students living in residence halls (both River Campus and Eastman) will have a rapid test done on campus prior to moving back into the residence halls. This includes both new and returning students.

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All students must complete Dr. Chat Bot on their arrival day to campus and be sure to have completed the COVID educational module on Blackboard prior to arriving on campus. This will be checked at the testing site.

What if I arrive after 4pm when the testing services are closed?

Applicable only to students who do not need to quarantine – CDC Level 1 countries, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

- Continuing students (those who lived in campus housing fall semester) may stay in their room overnight and be tested first thing in the morning. Be sure to schedule your testing appointment for the following morning. You must be alone in the room – no roommate. You may leave to get food but must return to your room to eat. You may use the restroom. Suite and apartment residents are expected to remain in their bedrooms and not in the suite or apartment lounge. You must notify your area office if you will be arriving late. Residential Life will confirm that you completed testing as required.
- Students new to campus will need to stay in a hotel overnight (student pays) and be tested the following morning. There are no opportunity to receive keys and move-in without an on campus COVID test.

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Do students who have remained on campus for the Winter Stay period need to be tested?

Yes. Residential Life will provide a list of current Winter Stay residents to UHS. They will reach out to these students directly to set up an appointment for a COVID test between January 19 and January 22.

Where is the testing site and what happens there?

Testing will be in the Goergen Athletic Center Field House. Students will enter through the Library Road entrance directly into the Field House. Students should have completed Dr. Chat Bot and have the results of the initial COVID test prior to quarantine with them (if they participated in quarantine). Students will receive a rapid COVID test with results available in 15 minute, and will remain in the Field House pending the results. As students receive negative results, they will receive a wristband indicating that they have tested negative and will then be allowed to move into their residence hall. Any student who tests positive will be sent to UHS for a follow-up PCR COVID test and will need to relocate to quarantine housing until a negative test is secured or until 10 days of quarantine are complete. The location for this quarantine is Whipple Park.

What should parents do?

Parents should drop their student off at the entrance to the Field House on Library Road. Do not wait for your student on Library Road. Please either go to a parking lot and wait for your student to complete testing or go to your student's housing to wait if the residence hall is within walking distance. One parent may accompany their student into their residence hall at a time. If there are multiple helpers, please rotate family members in one at a time. Please wear a mask at all times, watch social distancing (at least 6 feet), and wash or sanitize hands frequently. Help us keep our students safe and free from COVID-19.