Residential Community Compact

San Jose State University Housing Services aims to provide a residential environment that enables student learning and provides a safe place for students during the public health emergency occasioned by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

San Jose State University Housing Services is also guided by public health practices and will promote shared responsibility among all members of the residential community – students and live-in and other residential staff included.

Because COVID-19 infects individuals by spreading across and within close community networks, it is essential that every one of us in the residential community enters into a shared obligation and commitment to act prudently, safely, and in accordance with public health directives.

We who live on campus take on the shared risk of the community and the obligation to protect others, and thus we must know, understand, agree to, and abide by the rules and guidelines established for on-campus residences. Residential students must be particularly sensitive to the fact that their neighbors or fellow residents are impacted by their decisions. In a densified residential setting, strong communication skills and empathy for others are important characteristics to cultivate.

We encourage students to be particularly attentive to building good communication with their neighbors and to abide by any SJSU, UHS, city, state and federal policies and regulations in their respective buildings. All students are expected to engage appropriately with officers of the College, including any resident tutor, proctor, resident dean, or other residential or House/Yard staff, regardless of where students are living now.

As a SJSU College student,

I understand that University Housing Services has adopted the following requirements to promote the collective well-being of our community, and specifically the students, staff, and faculty in residence or working in residences during this time period.

I further understand that my ability to enter and remain upon the SJSU campus as a residential student is conditioned on my adherence to these policies.

I will follow these policies not just for my own health, but also to protect and safeguard the health of those around me, including Campus Dining Services and Facilities personnel and other staff who live or work in our buildings.
I acknowledge and agree that these rules and guidelines may change as life on campus and public health guidance across the country evolve and as new testing and tracing methods emerge, and I agree to abide by any new rules and guidelines promulgated by University Housing Services for application in the residential setting.

Physical distancing, face coverings, and behavioural requirements
● I will wear a face mask or facial covering in any areas outside of my room, apartment or suite (i.e., any public areas, including hallways, laundry rooms, dining halls, and public spaces in other campus buildings).
● I will follow San Jose State Universities’s directives for physical distancing which are located in the SJSU Adapt Plan in residential spaces and other campus buildings and areas.
● I will keep my contact information and emergency contact information updated in one.sjsu.edu
● I will follow protocols established by San Jose State University, County of Santa Clara County and State to limit exposure for others.
● If requested by my resident advisor or residential life administrator I will participate in visual wellness checks, either in person or through video.
● If any in-person gatherings are allowed at a future time, I will follow all current, posted guidelines at San Jose State University, in indoor or outdoor settings, and I will neither host nor attend any gathering that exceeds the maximum number indicated.
● When accessing dining services, I will only dine in the location assigned to me. If I have special special dietary needs, I will contact Spartan Eats with my request.

Guest, Security and Access
● I will not have guests in my residential room, apartment or suite. I understand that “guest” herein means anyone not assigned to my residential room, apartment or suite. This includes San Jose State University students living in the same or other residential buildings on campus, San Jose State University students living off campus, or external guests, such as siblings/family, friends from other campuses, or students from other Santa Clara County institutions.
● I will not bring guests into the building beyond lobbies and common areas without the prior permission of UHS Staff for extenuating circumstances. Only residents who physically reside in a building or appropriate university staff will be permitted to enter the residential floors.
● I will only access my own residential building and will not access other residential buildings.
● I will not provide access to San Jose State buildings to anyone.

Hygiene
● I will clean my residential spaces, including (if applicable) the bathroom within my apartment or suite and common shared spaces such as kitchen and living room areas., I will follow San Jose State’s posted protocols for cleaning.
● I will practice good hygiene, including thorough and frequent hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer, especially when returning from outside, after using a restroom, and before meals.

Equipment
Residents will not be able to check out equipment, including vacuums and recreation equipment, and a limited number of students will be permitted in building elevators at any time.

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- If at any point I find I am unable to comply with the rules set forth in this compact, I will remove myself from campus and complete my semester remotely. I understand that if I do not do this voluntarily, I may be subject to removal from residence by University Housing Services.
- I acknowledge that these rules and guidelines may change as life on campus and public health guidance across the country evolve and as new testing and tracing methods emerge.
- I agree to abide by any new rules and guidelines as promulgated by the University in order to remain in residence.

Self-isolation, Quarantine, and Preventative Health
- If I test positive for COVID-19, I will comply with the University’s and the Santa Clara County public health and self-isolation guidelines.
- Promptly upon discovering any symptoms of COVID-19, I will immediately contact San Jose State University Health Services, seek guidance, and comply with the medical instructions I am given.
- If I am found to have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, I will comply with all self-quarantine protocols.

Social Gatherings
- For your own safety and the health of others, virtual socializing is encouraged and should be the first option for social contact.
- All members of the community are expected to follow guidance set forth by SJSU Adapt Plan limiting social gatherings.

Community Accountability
- Any alleged violations of this compact will be reviewed by University Housing Services, which will have authority to remove a student from campus, and will hold responsibility for reviewing serious concerns related to these expectations. Serious and/or repeated violations may result in suspension of a student’s on-campus residency.