

From: Eric Rollerson, Executive Director, University Housing Services  
To: University Housing Residents  
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Subject: **Thanksgiving Break: Important Recommendations and Reminders**

We hope that you are having a positive experience as part of the SJSU Spartan community. Most importantly, we hope you remain safe and healthy as we continue to adjust to new public health policies and guidelines developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As we learn more about the rise of COVID-19 cases on college campuses nationwide, we are taking all precautions to keep you safe in the residence halls.

With the holiday season ahead of us, we urge all residents to take proactive measures to do our part in taking care of ourselves and each other. These measures include adhering to physical distancing guidelines, wearing a mask or face covering, and getting tested for COVID-19. As a member of the SJSU residential community, your actions and behaviors impact all others who live and work in the residence halls.

### **Recommendation: Limit Your Travels; Consider Celebrating Thanksgiving on Campus**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), traditional Thanksgiving celebrations this year with family and friends may increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. We encourage you to review [CDC guidelines](#) before you decide whether to travel for the holiday. If you choose to travel during the upcoming break, please consider being tested and then quarantining before going to spend time with family and friends.

For residents staying during break, meal service will now be available in The Commons, Wednesday, November 25, through Sunday, November 29, including a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 26. For entry, you may pay the door rate or use your dining dollars. Meal plan swipes may not be used as this is not a part of your regular contract dates for meals.

### **Important Reminder: COVID-19 Testing Resources**

We strongly encourage all residents to take advantage of the testing resources available in the Santa Clara County/San Jose metropolitan area. Below are several options. Be sure to bring a valid photo ID with you to the testing site.

1. If you are from the Bay Area and have a regular health care provider, it is recommended that you contact them to take a test and use your existing health insurance. This is the best option if you are experiencing symptoms since some free testing sites do not serve people with symptoms. If you do not have a doctor and have symptoms, please call 1-800-334-1000 for assistance.

2. There are many **free testing** sites available **by appointment** throughout the county. Several are configured in the 'drive-through' model. Full details are available on the [Santa Clara County Public Health Free COVID-19 Testing Sites](#) page.
3. **No appointment** free testing occurs in the form of "Pop Ups" throughout the county. Visit the [Santa Clara County COVID-19 Popup Testing Location](#) website for full details. It is important to note that some sites do not serve people with active symptoms.
4. One of the [closest appointment sites](#) is nine blocks from campus: Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) - Valley Health Center Downtown, 777 E Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95112. Another option is Roots Community Health Center at Antioch Baptist Church at 268 East Julian Street, San Jose, CA.
5. Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Site: Scheduled appointments are available Tuesday through Friday (12 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.) and Saturday (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds (344 Tully Road in Lot A across from the main entrance) for people with or without symptoms. The site is set up for drive-through testing, but there is a bike and pedestrian entrance available off 7<sup>th</sup> Street at the corner of Tully Road. Visit the [Santa Clara County Fairgrounds site](#) to check for available appointments. You can schedule from your phone or from a computer using a web browser other than Internet Explorer. Appointments will be open for scheduling three days before the testing date. Once all appointments are filled, this location will no longer appear for scheduling on the website.

## **SJSU Resources and Support**

If you have questions, or are directly impacted by COVID-19, resources and support are available. On-campus protocols are in place to assist residents who have tested positive, may be showing symptoms, or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. SJSU strongly encourage you to complete a "[Reporting a Case of COVID-19](#)" online form. If you are a student employee, you are required to report. A case manager will contact you shortly after the initial survey.

University Housing Services staff are available for support and to provide information and resources. Should you have questions, please contact us at 408-795-5600 or at [uhs-frontdesk@sjsu.edu](mailto:uhs-frontdesk@sjsu.edu). You may also contact your Resident Advisor and Residential Life Building Staff through your building front desk.

For campus updates about COVID-19, please visit the [SJSU Health Advisories](#) website. The campus response plan can be found on the [SJSU Adapt Plan](#) site.

The staff at University Housing Services and I are truly thankful for your partnership in keeping the [Spartan Community Promise](#) and wish you a safe and well-deserved break this Thanksgiving season!

With gratitude,

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