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**Subj: Student Life Information for the Return to Campus**

*\*If you have chosen remote learning for the Spring Semester, you are receiving the message below for informational purposes only.\**

Dear Students,

Today's message contains information about student life in the 2021 Spring semester. We are excited to welcome many of you back to campus and we look forward to your arrival. Please keep in mind that we are a community of students, faculty, and staff. This pandemic requires all of us to do our part to ensure that our community is as safe as possible. This means that, more than ever, the College is counting on the strong Hendrix spirit to help us create a safe and welcoming community.

Please read the information included below. We hope that you will find it helpful as you plan for next semester. Thank you for your time, and please email [aboutcovid19@hendrix.edu](mailto:aboutcovid19@hendrix.edu) with any questions you may have.

### **Expectations for our Community**

This has been a challenging year for all of us. We are excited to bring our community back together, but we also realize that our community depends on ALL OF US to support the social distancing and masking expectations that will keep everyone safe.

All members of our campus community are required to sign the [community commitment](#) and work to keep our campus safe.

### **Policy Changes**

**Mask expectations:** Community members are expected to wear a mask when inside buildings and when unable to social distance outside.

**Room capacity limits:** Students may have a maximum of four persons in residence hall rooms, six persons in apartment units, at any one time.

**Building access:** Students may visit students in other residential facilities; however, your access card will only permit entrance to your own residence hall. Students are expected to meet their guests at the entry door. This ensures that people do not overcrowd individual rooms.

**Outside guests:** Persons who are not members of our community are not permitted in campus buildings and residence halls at this time.

**Testing:** Community members are expected to complete all required COVID-19 tests. Students living in campus housing will receive additional information in early January. Student athletes will receive specific instructions from their coach. If you have any questions or concerns about testing expectations, please email [aboutcovid19@hendrix.edu](mailto:aboutcovid19@hendrix.edu). Students who do not complete testing requirements in a timely manner may have their access to campus restricted until tests are completed.

### **Enforcement of Policies**

We will rely on *all* members of our community to help keep Hendrix safe. This means that we will engage in reminders when we see members of our community who are not following the expected protocols. You may also contact the Dean of Students office, Residence Life, or Public Safety if you have specific concerns or questions.

### **Sanctions and Response**

Students who do not follow our campus protocols may be cited for failure to comply with our policies. Students will meet with the Dean or Assistant Dean of Students to address these issues. Students found responsible for violations of safety protocols will be subject to the following sanctions: fines, restricted access within campus, restricted access to campus (no in-person classes or activities), suspension from co-curricular activities, and removal from residence halls.

### **Events and Meetings**

Social distancing guidelines will be in place for the use of spaces on our campus. Whenever possible, events and meetings should be held online; large groups need to plan to use Microsoft Teams for meetings.

Students, faculty, and staff are strongly encouraged to use Teams instead of meeting with one or more persons in an indoor space. If an in-person meeting is required, masks must be worn and room capacity limits must be followed.

### **Housing Changes to Traditional Halls**

The move to more single-bedroom options on campus has helped to reduce density in the traditional halls.

**Quarantine Spaces:** Each traditional hall has designated quarantine spaces. When a student is required to relocate to a quarantine space, they are restricted to that space and a designated quarantine bathroom. They will receive instructions for access to meals and other services from support personnel. Students in apartments and houses will be able to quarantine in place.

In the event that all quarantine spaces are filled in a particular hall, the College reserves the right to relocate a student to quarantine in a different hall.

**Isolation Spaces:** Students diagnosed with COVID-19 will be required to stay in a designated isolation space until they are cleared for a return. Information about this process will be shared by the contact tracing team and Residence Life.

### **ID Cards for New Students**

New students will need to upload a photo for their campus ID. They received emails about this process last week. New students will receive their ID cards when they check into campus housing.

### **SLTC and Dining Changes**

We are asking all community members to use the south entrance of the SLTC (across from Couch Hall) for building entry. All other doors will be designated as exit only.

Students using the dining hall will continue to the right, along the east hallway of the building, and proceed around the hall to the up stairwell. Students picking up food from the Burrow will use the access line through the game room. There are designated social distance markings on the floor.

To meet social distancing and food preparation guidelines, our Dining Service staff has made some significant changes to their processes.

- Seating in the Dining Hall has been reduced. We encourage students to use the to-go option for meals and consider outdoor seating when weather permits.
- In a partnership with the Sustainability Fund, students will have access to reusable containers for to-go orders. Those containers should be returned to the dining hall to be cleaned and reused.
- Evening meal times have been extended to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. However, dining hall seating will close at 7 p.m. so that the staff can sanitize and prepare the space for the next day's meals.
- An additional grab and go kiosk (Caf-to-Go) will be available Monday through Friday at lunch in Miller Creative Quad, with payment by OneCard only.
- Saturday evening pre-ordered meals will be provided through the Burrow as part of the unlimited plan. Students on the 5- or 10-meal plan may use their meal card for that day as well.

### **Maintenance Requests**

To keep our maintenance and housekeeping staff safe, we ask that individuals clear the bedroom or living area while staff are present. If you interact with any staff while they are in your living space, we ask that you wear a mask.

### **Outdoor Activity Options**

We encourage members of our community to use outdoor options, while maintaining social distancing expectations, for meetings and gatherings. Student Senate has purchased outdoor seating blankets for all Hendrix students (yes, even those who are in remote learning will get one!) to help encourage people to be outside and practice social distancing. Student Senate has also invested in a large outdoor movie screen, which will enable clubs and organizations to show movies outdoors this semester.

Our Student Activities office and Student Senate will be sponsoring activities that make use of the outdoors this semester. If you have ideas for activities or events, consider sending that information to your Senate rep or to Student Activities.