

Spring 2021 Housing Agreement Addendum

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As you know, we are living in unique and unprecedented times. Wentworth Institute of Technology (“University”) holds as paramount the health, safety and welfare of our community and aims to offer a living environment on campus that promotes well-being, personal growth, and academic success. Taking steps to reduce the risk of COVID- 19 is the shared responsibility of every member of our community. As the University prepares for the return of residential students for the spring 2021 semester, we know changes will be required to follow health and safety standards and guidance for community living due to Covid-19. Acknowledging these changes to the traditional University residential experience, we are issuing the following addendum to the Wentworth Institute of Technology Academic Year 2020-2021 Housing Agreement to provide students with greater detail about these shared obligations, what they may expect and how changes may impact their residential experience in the coming semester. Please take the time to carefully review each item.

Additional Terms, Conditions and Responsibilities for Spring 2021 Wentworth Student Housing Agreement:

1. Health and Safety.

1. The Student acknowledges the inherent elevated risk associated with living in a community environment and the Student’s shared obligation to prioritize health and safety for the benefit of the entire community.
2. The Student acknowledges they have considered their own personal health status and increased risk factors inherent with community living, including the risk of exposure or infection by COVID-19, when deciding to live on campus.
3. The Student agrees to adhere to University expectations intended to minimize risk of exposure to COVID-19 consistent with health and safety guidance including, but not limited to, practicing physical distancing by staying at least six feet apart from another individual when possible as recommended by CDC and wearing appropriate face covering.
4. The Student acknowledges their responsibility to keep personal living space in a sanitary condition and to adhere to sanitation standards in shared spaces. Wentworth staff retain the right to conduct health and safety inspections of the living space

5. The Student acknowledges they may be required to submit to symptom checking or COVID-19 testing to access the residential community.
6. **The Student agrees to comply with all pre-arrival COVID-19 policies related to testing.**
7. The Student agrees to disclose to the appropriate University official immediately upon notification of positive COVID-19 test status or contact from Massachusetts Department of Public Health about exposure and instruction to isolate.
8. The Student agrees to comply with University direction requiring isolation and quarantine. Isolation and quarantine may require removal from assigned room, building, or campus. Isolation or quarantine does not constitute cancellation of the Student Housing Agreement.
9. Students are required to comply with all health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, policies, regulations, and guidance adopted by the University or Department as it relates to COVID-19, including obtaining a flu vaccine prior to returning to campus. This guidance may evolve as circumstances warrant. Students should refer to the Student Code of Conduct and its addendum for information regarding non-compliance with University policies, directives, and orders. University may require student to leave University housing in the event the Student's continued presence poses a health or safety risk to the housing community.
10. The Student acknowledges the University reserves the right to require a student to move to another housing assignment on a property owned, operated, leased or rented by Wentworth if the student shows symptoms consistent with Covid-19, tests positive for Covid-19, has been in close contact with an individual who is Covid-19 symptomatic or tested positive for Covid-19, or at the discretion of a medical health professional.
11. Removal from housing does not constitute a termination of a student's housing agreement.
12. The Student acknowledges the University reserves the right to relocate students to an alternative housing assignment in a building owned, operated, leased or rented by Wentworth in an effort to comply with CDC and public health guidance.

2. General Terms and Provisions.

1. The Student acknowledges the University may restrict the full use of spaces and amenities within the residential community including, but not limited to:
 1. No visitors, including overnight guests, are permitted.
 2. Access to residential spaces is restricted to residential students, University staff, and approved vendors.
 3. Residents may only enter the residential building to which they are assigned unless otherwise posted (i.e., to access critical services such as laundry, mailroom, dining services within residential building, staff offices.)
 4. Residents may access designated common area spaces (lounges, study rooms, etc.) within their residential community (if available) and must adhere to the posted room occupancies and adhere to physical distance guidelines.
 5. Access to and use of amenities/space may be restricted or limited in capacity (community space, lounges, kitchen, laundry rooms, elevators, etc.)
 6. Residents must wear an appropriate face covering that covers their nose and mouth at all times outside of the suite/apartment. Residents in Baker Hall must wear an appropriate face covering outside of their bedroom.
 7. Residents are not permitted to reconfigure bedroom furniture in any way or remove any furniture within their bedrooms for any reason.
2. The Student acknowledges the Agreement start and end dates and the length of Agreement may be adjusted to align with the University academic calendar.

3. The Student acknowledges the building or room assignments may be changed prior to arrival or at any time during the term of the Agreement the University deems necessary.
4. The Student acknowledges room change requests will not be accepted. Room changes will be facilitated only at the discretion of the Office of Housing and Residential Life or the Dean of Students Office.
5. The Student acknowledges the Student may not be eligible for a refund of housing rental rates and fee if Residence Halls close, access is restricted during the term, or if the length of Agreement is adjusted.
6. The Student acknowledges due to de-densification, rooms that are reduced from triples to doubles or doubles to singles may have an increased room rate.
7. In the event of a conflict between the above Addendum and the original Agreement, this Addendum will apply.

Wentworth is committed to supporting our students in their return to campus during this unprecedented time and recognizes the value of the on-campus residential experience. The above information has been provided to allow students to make an informed decision about living in residential housing for the Spring 2021 semester. While the above is intended to provide some detail, there may be additional modifications needed as the year progresses and we track the impact of COVID-19 on our residential community and campus. As always, we will endeavor to update you with timely information about specific health and safety guidance important for our residential community.

If the student understands and agrees to terms of this Addendum in addition to the Wentworth 2020-2021 Student Housing Agreement, the student has until 9am, December 16, 2020 to acknowledge, sign and return this Addendum to the Office of Housing and Residential Life.