COVID-19 Housing and Residence Life Policy Supplement:
It is our shared responsibility to keep each other safe by following the residence hall safety precautions outlined below

Face Coverings
USU’s COVID-19 Temporary Policy T.3 requires that face coverings over the nose and mouth are worn in all common areas in buildings, hallways, lounges, lobbies, dining halls, as well as any space where physical distancing is not possible.

Guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities indicates that wearing face coverings significantly reduces the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Face coverings are not required:
- Inside of personal suites and apartments.
- In spaces designated for eating, while the individual is eating.
- In bathroom and shower areas where a mask would interfere (e.g., showering, brushing teeth).

Symptomatic Individuals or Individuals who have been asked to Quarantine or Self-Isolate
Residents are expected to monitor their health and to seek appropriate care in order to minimize the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Residents must follow the University’s guidance on COVID-19, including “If You Feel Sick” requirements: https://www.usu.edu/covid-19/if-you-are-sick/ and https://www.usu.edu/student-affairs/wellbeing. Residents who have been asked to quarantine, self-isolate or who have had a COVID-19 test should submit the COVID-19 Questionnaire available at: https://www.usu.edu/covid-19/.

Reporting Concerns
If you have concerns about another resident or a guest not meeting Residence Life expectations, such as by not wearing a face covering, you should reach out to a Residence Life Staff member to report your concern.

Physical Distancing and Sanitization
All USU students will receive a COVID Care Kit containing a face covering, hand sanitizer, and a thermometer, which you should use in accordance with this policy. Additionally, the following expectations apply:
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, after touching surfaces frequently touched by others, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing, and before touching your face or eating. If soap and water are not available, bring and use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub your hands together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Sanitize refrigerator, stove, countertop, microwave, laundry equipment, and other areas of common use before and after you touch them.

Guests and Visitors
As a reminder, a guest is defined as any individual who has not been assigned to a specific suite, apartment, or room. The Guest Policy applies. Additionally, the following expectations apply:

- Guests are only allowed to enter individual suites, apartments, or rooms if
  1. The guest is also a resident of the same on-campus residence hall; and
  2. The guest is wearing a face covering while visiting; and
  3. All roommates have verbally agreed to the guest’s visit.
- If a suite, apartment, or room is subject to a quarantine or isolation order, no guests are permitted in that suite, apartment, or room.
- More generally, guests (and other visitors) will be permitted in lobbies in buildings where lobbies are separated from resident living quarters and designated common spaces. Face coverings must be worn and social distancing should be practiced in lobbies and designated common spaces.
- All guests and residents are expected to abide by all Residence Life policies and procedures, including this Policy Supplement’s requirements of social distancing guidelines and to wear face coverings while in these lobbies.

The Residence Life staff is available to assist residents who may require support or guidance in working with a roommate to have a conversation about the impact of COVID-19 and how their personal decision may impact others living in the space.

**Community Spaces**

Residents are expected to take responsibility by wearing a face covering in all community spaces. You are not allowed to move furniture within building lounges as all spaces will have a maximum number of occupants allowed. You must follow all directions from staff and from posted signage governing the space.

Residents are allowed to use community spaces, including community eating areas, community stoves, sinks, and refrigerators, but are expected to sanitize any areas touched both before and after. Additionally, you are expected to not touch items that do not belong to you.

The following applies to recreational supplies and facilities:

- Any equipment checked out (e.g., ping pong paddles, pool balls, etc.) must be sanitized before and after use.
- Volleyball areas are limited to four total participants (two per side) and are only open to residents. Additionally, face coverings are required if individuals cannot maintain at least six feet of distance.
- Playground and other outdoor common areas are available for use; however, face coverings are required if individuals cannot maintain at least six feet of distance.

**Traveling:**

If you are planning a trip, please ask yourself the following questions while making your decision.

**Remember, staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from Covid-19.**

1. Where are you going? You can use the NY Times Tracking map OR CDC Map to understand the number of cases and the frequency of new cases.
2. How are you traveling? Consider that risks associated with the mode of travel you will be taking.
3. What will you be doing while away? Will you be attending a conference, concert, or other large gathering—Or will you be seeing family & friends? Each activity holds a different element of risk.

**COVID-19 Housing and Residence Life Policy Supplement**

Last Revised September 2, 2020
We encourage you to talk with your roommates & suitemates prior to traveling. It is important to understand how travel may impact the community you live in. The Residence Life staff is available to assist in working with a roommate to have conversations to work through these situations.

**Violations of Housing Policy**

Violations are subject to progressive sanctions up to and including written warning, probation, eviction from USU Housing, and referral to the Office of Student Conduct for University discipline.