Ball State University’s Housing and Residence Life Plan
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I. Housing — Residence Halls

We know how important the residential experience is to you and your success as a college student. We remain committed to doing everything we can to provide an excellent housing experience, a signature of Ball State University. We also acknowledge the uncertainty you may be feeling as a result of the extraordinary public health crisis facing our country.

Therefore, we are making some important adjustments to the options available to you. You will find details about each option below, and our staff is available to talk with you about which option would best meet your needs. All options are informed by the very best available guidance from public health authorities, and the options are designed to achieve the goal of an engaged community experience for all students living and learning within the halls.

A. Double Rooms

If you would like to share a double room with a roommate, we will assist you in finding a room. We will also provide detailed guidance on how to clean and sanitize surfaces within the shared room.

B. Single Rooms

If you would prefer to have a single room, you may request one. If you previously thought you would share a room, but you have now changed your mind, you may still request a single room.

A limited number of single rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis. If you are a student who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 complications, you should talk with your health care provider about what housing accommodation is best for you. Be sure to let us know as soon as possible if you desire to stay in a residence hall so we can help you secure a single room.

II. Quarantine and Isolation Accommodations

We are also preparing appropriate housing accommodations for students living in the residence halls who may need to self-quarantine or isolate during the year. If you are exposed to, or you become sick with COVID-19, we will work with you to have a room on campus while you self-quarantine or isolate. Of course, you will need to work with your health care provider to make sure that staying on campus is the best choice for you.

If you stay on campus, you will be provided with someone to be a resource to you throughout your quarantine and isolation. We want to make sure that you have access to the support services you need and minimize the disruption to your academic success.
III. Enhanced Safety Practices

Sanitation and personal hygiene are important considerations in how we will operate your home in the residence halls.

Housing and Residence Life will implement the following protocols:

- All student rooms will be deep cleaned and disinfected prior to move-in.
- Student bathrooms will be sanitized two times a day.
- Shared community spaces like the laundry rooms and technology labs will be furnished with supplies and instructions for users to disinfect after and before every use.
- Cleaning and disinfecting high touch surface areas (such as elevator panels, door handles, etc.) on a regular basis.
- Using ultraviolet light and other approved cleaning protocols for high risk areas.
- Promoting our social responsibility to help keep the each other safe by practicing good hygiene.

We will provide many more details about your home on campus in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming you in the Fall.