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COMMUNITY STANDARDS

GENERAL STANDARDS

Staff will report you if your actions are contrary to policy or community standards. In addition, the behavior might also prompt a referral to your University Housing staff member or the Student Accountability and Support (SAS) staff who will determine what is appropriate in terms of addressing your behavior.

It's our most sincere desire that by calling attention to inappropriate behavior and its consequences, better judgment will be exercised and future misbehavior can be avoided. Minimum standards of conduct are specified in the Student Conduct Code as well as by observance of the policies contained in this handbook.

Sanctions may include restitution for damages, reprimands, fines of up to \$200, probationary status, imposed reassignment, removal from University Housing, and others. Whether disciplinary action is an appropriate response to an incident is the determination of the Professional Staff Member in your building or the staff member who handled the situation. Cases in which the facts of an incident are in dispute may be referred to the Office of SAS for resolution. Most situations can be resolved in a confidential meeting between the student and Professional Staff Member. SAS shares office space with University Housing & Dining Services in the west wing, lower level of the MLK, Jr. University Union and recommends that you be familiar with your rights and responsibilities as contained in the Student Conduct Code. Please contact the SAS staff with any questions at 581-3827.

ABANDONED PROPERTY

Residents have 30 days to claim abandoned property after receiving notification from University Housing & Dining Services. After

30 days, the property will be turned over to a charitable group.

See Bicycles, Motor-Driven Vehicles, In-Line Skates & Skate Boards

DISCIPLINARY RECORDS

SAS keeps student disciplinary records, normally for six years, before destroying them. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 generally prohibits the release of any student record outside of the University without the student's permission.

EDUCATIONAL SANCTIONS

Sanctions imposed as the result of disciplinary action reflect the University's response to inappropriate student behavior. To safeguard the privacy of the student, Student Standard's hearings are confidential and, for that reason, there may be limited awareness by the rest of the University community of the consequences of unacceptable conduct. Disciplinary action may be taken in addition to, or in the absence of, the filing of related criminal charges. Incidents that occur off campus may also result in disciplinary action if they are determined to significantly impact the University's interest and/or reputation. The following information is provided to make our disciplinary system more easily understood, rather than a source of surprise. An atmosphere of mutual respect and civility is the ideal which is promoted.

Typically, sanctions as described here will be imposed in the absence of mitigating or aggravating circumstances. It should be remembered that each situation and student is dealt with individually, with an appropriate response being the ultimate goal. You should be familiar with your obligations and responsibilities. Ignorance of such will not relieve you

of accountability for your behavior. If you have any questions, contact Housing Staff or SAS.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

The primary responsibility for discipline rests with the individual. Consideration and respect for others is required in University Housing to avoid a proliferation of rules governing individual conduct.

NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS

Students under 21 years of age who are financially dependent on their parent(s) or guardian(s) will have their parents notified of disciplinary action taken which jeopardizes the student's residence or enrollment (Housing or Disciplinary Probation), or which results in the student's suspension or removal.

SUSPENSION/REMOVAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY

Suspension/removal from the University may result from incidents (whether on or off campus) involving theft, inflicting harm to self or others, dealing in controlled substances, possession of ANY amount of "hard" drugs (cocaine, PCP, etc.), or any repetitive behavior.

STUDENT STANDARDS BOARD

Violation of the Student Conduct Code or related housing policies are commonly resolved at a meeting between the student and the Housing Staff member. In the case of disputed allegations of misconduct, a hearing would be provided by a staff member or a panel of the SAS Board. The panel has student, staff and faculty representation.

Students are urged to read the Student Conduct Code, copies of which are available from SAS or online at www.eiu.edu/judicial.

HOUSING SPECIFIC STANDARDS

ALCOHOL POLICY

Eastern Illinois University Housing and Dining

services strives to support healthy and responsible choices concerning the consumption of alcohol. University Housing believes that the consumption of alcohol, in moderation, is a privilege for those residents of legal drinking age as mandated by state law who choose to live within our communities. **THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OTHER THAN BEER OR WINE IS PROHIBITED IN UNIVERSITY HOUSING.**

Beer will be defined as domestic or imported beer, malt liquor or specialty malt beverage. Beer and wine consumed must have an alcohol percentage by volume of less than 7%. It is recommended that beer and malt liquor products be consumed in the original single serving container, but if not, the container must be on hand to prove the content of the beverage.

No open containers of alcoholic beverages are permitted in common areas. Empty cans and/or bottles may not be stored, collected, or used as decorations in a residential room or apartment. Bulk containers of alcoholic beverages are not permitted (examples include servings of beer larger than quart bottles, kegs, pony kegs, mini-kegs, barrels, half-barrels, and quantities of wine larger than gallon bottles).

- **DRY RESIDENCE:** If all residents of a room are UNDER the legal drinking age, NO alcohol of any kind is allowed in the room, even by guests who meet the legal age requirement. All students present will be considered in violation of this policy regardless of alcohol consumption.
- **DAMP RESIDENCE:** If one roommate is of legal drinking age and the other roommate is under the legal drinking age, the of-age roommate and their guests of legal age are allowed to possess beer or wine in the room. Of-age guests cannot possess beer or wine

unless their host is present. The underage roommate and his/her guests of any age are not allowed to possess beer or wine in the room. If the of-age roommate is consuming beer or wine, the under-age roommate and his/her guests may be present.

- **WET RESIDENCE:** If both residents are of legal drinking age, they may possess and consume beer or wine in the privacy of their room and apartment as long as they meet University alcohol standards. Residents are prohibited from consuming or storing beer or wine in common areas of a residence hall or apartment.
- Housing staff may enter a room and direct residents (regardless of age) to empty containers of alcohol if:
 - There is an excessive amount of alcohol present.
 - Other policy violations have occurred as a result from alcohol consumption.
 - Disruptive behavior is reported or observed.
 - Dangerous drinking habits are suspected.
 - The alcoholic drink is not beer or wine.

Conference guests, alumni, parents, residents and their guests are all subject to this policy.

APPLIANCES, RESIDENCE HALLS AND GREEK COURT

Appliances not permitted include air conditioners, electric heaters, candle warmers, ceiling fans, and lava lamps. Cooking appliances, with the exception of 900-watt (maximum) microwaves built within the past 5 years, are not permitted in the residence halls or Greek Court. Banned cooking appliances include George Foreman® Grills, hot plates, crock pots, toasters and similar items. All appliances must be UL approved.

AUTOMOBILE PARKING (STUDENT LOTS)

Student parking lots require a parking permit. Permits are \$50 per semester or \$100 per year for Juniors and Seniors (60 plus credit hours earned). Freshman and Sophomore permits are \$100 per semester or \$200 per year with restricted parking areas. Visitors can purchase a day pass at the University Police Department for \$1.50 per day. Summer parking permit costs, as well as parking regulations and applications for parking permits, are available from the University Police Department.

BALCONIES, UNIVERSITY COURT

Balconies should be kept clean and neat at all times, and are not to be used as an entrance/exit. University furniture is not allowed on balconies. Items may not be attached or hung from balconies. Do not climb, jump off, or abuse the balcony. Occupancy of balconies should not exceed 14 people.

BALL PLAYING

Ball playing is prohibited inside of buildings and within 100 feet of buildings.

BARBECUE GRILLS, UNIVERSITY COURT

The use/storage of charcoal/gas barbecue grills on University Court balconies is prohibited. Charcoal barbecue grills may be stored in residences and used in grassy areas of University Court at a distance of 15 feet from any building or structure. Gas grills may not be stored or used in any on-campus housing facility.

BATHROOM POLICY*

Guests of the opposite gender are required to use restrooms designated for use by their gender. Ask the front desk for the location of gender designated restrooms. All facilities, including showers, are designated as single-person use.

**See Cohabitation Policy, Guest Policy, Unescorted Men and Women and Visitation Policies.*

BICYCLES, MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES, IN-LINE SKATES, HOVER & SKATE BOARDS

Bicycle racks are available at each University Housing facility as well as near campus buildings. Bicycles cannot be stored in any public area in University Housing facilities or locked to any University building, stairwell, etc. Bicycles may be stored in student rooms or apartments providing all roommates agree. Anyone who owns a bicycle is encouraged to obtain a strong lock and chain and register it with the University Police Department. Bikes may not be ridden in University buildings, student rooms or apartments.

Any bicycle left in the bike racks after the end of the spring semester will be considered abandoned property. After 30 days the University can dispose of them without recourse from the owner.

Due to the high risk of fire, hover-boards (battery-operated, self-balancing scooters) are not permitted in residential and academic buildings.

Motorized vehicles should also be registered with the University Police Department. Owners must abide by all University parking and traffic regulations. Motor-driven vehicles of any type are not permitted in University buildings, student rooms or apartments.

Motor-driven vehicles are not to be driven on sidewalks or patios. Parking is permitted in designated areas only. Motorcycle parking permits are \$10.00 for the year and \$5.00 per semester. Motorcycle parking permits are \$10.00 for the year and \$5.00 per semester. Skateboards, in-line skates, and bicycles may be used on sidewalks for safe transportation purposes only. They may not be used within University buildings.

Excessive speed, stunt riding, or any other use of bicycles, motor-driven vehicles, skateboards, hoverboards or in-line skates that may cause property damage and/or endanger self or others is prohibited. Users

may not ride on stairways, patios, dock areas, benches, picnic tables, or other irregular surfaces.

Students, faculty, or staff violations are subject to institutional disciplinary proceedings. Non-University persons can be required to leave campus immediately and may be subjected to restrictions on subsequent visits to the University. [See Abandoned Property.](#)

CANDLES AND COMBUSTIBLES POLICY

Candles, oil lamps, incense or any other combustible materials are not allowed in any University Housing facility. This includes anything that is an open heat source. Posters on doors, fishnets, crepe paper, potpourri and other combustibles in your room are prohibited.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

The check-out procedure is as follows:

- On-campus residents need to make an appointment with a Staff Member. If you live in University Apartments call 217-581-3923 to make your appointment. You must make your appointment at least 24 hours in advance of the desired check out time. In order for residents to be properly checked out of University Housing, all issued keys must be returned.
- Before returning the keys, the resident should ensure that all personal items have been removed from the room or apartment, storage closets and balcony. The University does not assume responsibility for items left in your room or apartment after check out. The resident should also check to be sure that all University furniture is in the room or apartment and in the correct rooms (in the apartments).
- It is the responsibility of the resident to leave the room/apartment in the same condition as it was found. This means

a clean room or apartment, including stove and refrigerator. When you vacate an apartment, clean it thoroughly, doing such things as removing the cushions from the sofa, collecting all crumbs, articles, etc. Remember to sweep and mop the kitchen and bathroom floors; clean grease out of oven and stove burners; and defrost and dry out the refrigerator (leave the door propped open).

- All Campus residents are responsible for any damages they have caused to their room or apartment, as well as floor or common area damages. Unpaid damages will be billed to the student's University account.
- Don't forget to remove all trash from your wastebasket and sweep the floor.
- Residents must be present at the time of check out, or they will have to make arrangements for another time with their housing staff member.
- After a housing staff member checks the room, they will close and lock the door behind you and you will be free to leave.

NOTE: If you do not check out of the residence halls, Greek Court or University Court properly, you will be assessed a \$25 improper check-out charge, and be billed for damages. University Apartment residents will be assessed a \$100 improper check-out charge. A hold will be placed on your records if necessary.

COHABITATION POLICY*

Only the individual(s), as assigned by the University, may reside in a University operated residence. An excessive number of visits, even if they last no more than two nights in a row, may be considered a violation of the cohabitation policy. Excessive frequency and/or duration of a guest's stay may also be considered a policy violation. Guests may not prolong their visit by moving to another room. A guest may not occupy a room while the host and roommate(s) are absent. A host

CLEANING CHARGES, UNIVERSITY COURT & UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS

The following is a sample of cleaning charges that may be assessed upon inspection of your apartment. You may also be charged for common building damages. Actual cost may exceed the provided examples.

Stove/Oven	\$68	Walls/Windows:
Lavatory	\$24	\$20/Hour
Refrigerator	\$50	Carpet Shampoo:
Bathtub	\$24	\$30/Room
Broilers	\$36	Exterminating (Pet):
Stool	\$24	\$80
Sink	\$24	Carpet Swept: \$60
Cabinets	\$24	

may not leave a guest with their roommate without seeking the consent of the roommate first. The roommate must understand that if they consent, they are taking responsibility for their roommate's guest.

COIN-OPERATED MACHINES

Coin-operated machines or game tables in student rooms are prohibited.

COMMON DAMAGE (FLOOR) CHARGES, RESIDENCE HALLS AND GREEK COURT

Damages occurring in public areas are charged to individuals or groups when responsibility is established. When the individual responsible cannot be determined, all residents of the building or floor become collectively responsible for costs involved in repair or replacement.

COOKING IN ROOMS, RESIDENCE HALLS AND GREEK COURT

There are kitchenettes and microwaves located in each residence hall and Greek Court chapter house. The use of cooking appliances in your room is strictly prohibited. The only exception is a 900 WATT (maximum) microwave built within the past 5 years.

*See *Bathroom Policy, Unescorted Men and Women and Visitation Policies.*

CHRISTMAS TREES

Fire and safety regulations do not permit live Christmas trees in student rooms. Christmas lights must be UL approved.

DECORATING POLICY

You may display decorations, posters, or pictures as long as they do not deface or damage any surface or structure. You may use poster putty or drafting tape. You may only use thumbtacks and pins in rooms that have dry walled walls. Contact paper, adhesive tape and duct tape may not be used. Shelves, shelf brackets, pictures and/or wall hangings may not be attached to or hung from the walls, ceilings, or doors by nails, screws, or other fastening devices. Holiday decorations must be made of fire-proof materials. Louvers in doors and heating/air-conditioning vents may not be covered.

DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Disposal of unwanted electronic devices, or e-waste, is not permitted in regular trash bins. E-waste should be placed in the receptacles labeled for electronic devices. Locations for these bins differ from building to building. Consult the front desk/office for more details.

DISPOSAL OF SHARP OBJECTS

Students are not to place objects such as razor blades, broken glass and needles (hypodermic, sewing, etc.) in regular trash bags or trash chutes. Sharps Containers, are available through University Housing. Let your hall staff know what you need.

DRUG POLICY

The illegal making, distribution, possession of, or use of, compounds which produce hallucinations or illusions when introduced into the body, and compounds covered under federal and state drug control laws is prohibited. Individuals who engage in actions contrary to these laws will face disciplinary and legal action, including possible suspension or removal from the University.

The possession of and/ or use of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited.

ELEVATOR POLICY

Tampering with or maliciously damaging the elevators will result in responsibility being placed on those individuals identified or on the building as a whole if the responsible individual(s) can't be identified. Use the emergency elevator bell only in the event of an emergency. Anyone causing damage to an elevator will be subject to disciplinary action (minimum \$100 fine, restitution for repair and probationary status). Use of tobacco products and Community Standards alcohol within the elevators is prohibited as well as the use of an unauthorized elevator key.

ENTERTAINING IN YOUR APARTMENT, UNIVERSITY COURT

There have been many occasions in which University Court residents who are 21 have chosen to entertain in their apartments, during which beer and wine were served. Most of these gatherings have been successful and under the control of the residents involved. To avoid any problems, you need to know the University's policy on beer and wine.

Social gatherings at which beer and wine are served are permissible in student apartments, yet parties are not. The distinction in terms need not be made so much by the number of people present, as the level of disruption created. In any case, the maximum number of people allowed in the apartment is 14, which includes the residents of the apartment. If you intend to hold social gatherings, in your apartment please observe the following responsibilities:

- **HARD ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY INCLUDING UNIVERSITY COURT.**
- Respect your neighbors. Keep them informed of any pending social gatherings you plan to host in your apartment. End your social gathering at a reasonable

hour. A reasonable volume must be maintained at all times or your guests will be asked to leave the premises.

- Keep your social gatherings small and manageable. Don't post signs advertising a party. Know your guests, as you are responsible for their conduct and any damages they cause.
- Observe the University's guidelines for possession of beer and wine on University property. Do not bring in kegs. DO NOT permit your guests to leave your apartment with beer and wine.
- You may be held financially liable to third parties for damages caused by someone you have served drinks.
- Selling alcoholic beverages is prohibited (You cannot avoid this by the obvious selling cups, charging admission, etc.). Evidence of selling anything will also be considered when imposing disciplinary sanctions.
- Keep music turned down and people off the balcony. Yelling attracts party crashers that may cause problems.
- The grounds are cleaned on a regular basis, but you are responsible for cleaning up the mess created by your gathering.
- Escort your guests quietly out of the building to ensure that no loud disturbances or disorderly behavior occurs, bothering sleeping residents.

Failure to observe any of these responsibilities could result in a loss of the privilege to entertain with alcohol present. The entire staff will consistently enforce the University's noise and alcohol policy, including the prohibition of kegs and hard alcohol in the apartments. Please help us maintain an educational atmosphere in University Court by observing the above guidelines.

FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (USE OF)

- A Facilities Request Form must be completed at [www.eiu.edu/housing/](http://www.eiu.edu/housing/spacereq.php)

[spacereq.php](http://www.eiu.edu/housing/spacereq.php) before any request will be considered. A hard copy Facilities Request Form may also be obtained from any designated residential building front desk, or from University Housing & Dining Services.

- No one may run a commercial business from a residential room, suite or apartment without the express written consent of University Housing & Dining Services. All inquiries should be directed to University Housing & Dining Services.

FIREWORKS

Possession of or use of fireworks are not permitted in University Housing.

BUILDING MEETINGS, RESIDENCE HALLS AND GREEK COURT

Residents are responsible for all information discussed at floor meetings. See your Resident Assistant, Senior Staff Assistant, or Associate Resident Director for more details.

FRESHMAN HOUSING POLICY

The University Housing policy includes the requirement that until all available residence hall space is exhausted, all Eastern Illinois University students with less than 30 semester college credit hours earned after high school graduation (duel credits do not apply) are required to live in University-operated residence halls. Exception considerations are as follows:

- Students who have lived in a Residence Hall for 2 or more semesters (2 summer sessions are equal to one semester) as verified with record of prior residency.
- Students who are married as verified with a certified copy of the marriage license.
- Students who have attained their 21st birthday PRIOR to the beginning of the semester for which enrollment is sought as verified with Eastern records.

- Students who live at home with their parents within a 50 mile radius as verified with notarized statement from parents.
- Students who, by reason of medical necessity, require special housing that cannot be provided by University Housing & Dining Services verified with a statement from your attending physician and approved by an Eastern physician.

FALSE ALARMS AND FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT

False reporting of an emergency and unauthorized use of or tampering with emergency or safety equipment (i.e., fire extinguishers, fire alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, fire doors, security cameras, etc.) is prohibited and are criminal offenses. Intentional misuse of equipment will result in a minimum \$100 fine and restitution for repair/ recharge and probationary status. An intentional false fire alarm will likely result in separation from the University.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, UNIVERSITY COURT

Use of a fire extinguisher should be reported to the University Court Office so it may be replaced for your safety. Failure to report the usage within 24 hours will result in the resident being responsible for the recharging or replacing cost.

FIRE/SAFETY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Evacuation procedures vary from building to building. You will find yours posted on the back of your room door. They have been designed to empty the building safely and quickly. Residents are required to leave the building promptly if an alarm is sounded. Failure to follow evacuation procedures and probationary status will result in a minimum \$50 fine. When the fire alarm has been shut off, a staff member, fire fighter or University police officer will allow you to re-enter the building. All fires must be reported to a

member of the housing staff, even if an alarm is not sounded, so that the extinguisher may be recharged and the area cleaned.

FURNITURE POLICY

University furniture may not be removed from apartments, rooms or public areas. Additionally, furniture may not be transferred or exchanged between apartments or rooms without prior written approval from University Housing & Dining Services. Additionally, foosball/pool tables, water beds, freezers and large electrical appliances cannot be moved into University-operated housing.

See [Lofts and Bunk Bed Policy](#).

GAMBLING POLICY

Gambling in any form is prohibited in University Housing. The mere absence of money from sight does not provide a loophole to permit gambling.

GUEST POLICY*

Outside guests will not be permitted in any University Housing living area. An outside guest is any individual who is not currently living in University Housing (Residence Halls, Greek Court, University Court, or University Apartments). This includes both daytime visitors and overnight guests.

HALLWAYS & EXITS

Hallways and stairwell doors must be kept closed at all times unless otherwise specified by a housing staff member.

KEY POLICY

If keys are not found in three days, the resident will be charged \$65.00 for the loss of an apartment key and/or building key. A \$10.00 charge will also be assessed for lost hall closet, room or mail keys. Bent or broken keys returned to the office will result in a \$10.00 charge for a replacement. A valid University identification card must be presented, and the charge must be paid at the time of the lockout.

**See [Bathroom Policy](#), [Unescorted Men and Women and Visitation Policies](#).*

KEYED ELEVATORS, RESIDENCE HALLS

Keyed elevators help to ensure your own personal safety by keeping unwanted strangers off the floors. Escorting strangers who may get onto the elevators without keys defeats the purpose of the keyed elevators. They must call their host for an escort.

LOCKOUT PROCEDURE

Locked out residents should seek assistance from staff. Excessive (i.e., more than three in an academic year) lock outs will result in a lock out charge of \$5.00 and may result in judicial action. Lockouts that happen while the front desk or complex office is closed will result in an automatic charge of \$5.00. Lost or misplaced keys should be reported to the housing staff immediately.

- **Residence Halls, Greek Court and University Apartments Keys:** If keys are not found in three days, the resident will be charged a total of \$65.00 for key replacement and core charge.
- **University Court Keys:** If keys are not found in three days, the resident will be charged \$65.00 for the loss of an apartment key and a \$10.00 charge for loss of a building key. A \$10.00 charge will also be assessed for lost hall closet, room or mail keys.

LOFTS AND BUNK BED POLICY

Student built or provided lofts and bunk beds are not allowed in rooms containing University provided loftable and bunkable furniture. All student built or provided lofts and bunk beds must meet the following standards:

- Beds and frames must be free standing and cannot be attached to a wall, ceiling or room furnishings.
- Bolsters may not be removed from the wall or readjusted to accommodate a loft or bunk bed.
- Bunk beds must support the full length of the box spring unit.
- University furnishings, including bed frames and mattresses, may not be

removed, transferred or exchanged from or between rooms.

- All lofts and bunk beds must be designed and constructed with fire and personal safety in mind.
- Enclosed lofts are not permitted. University Housing & Dining Services will remove any loft or bunk bed that doesn't follow these guidelines. The University assumes no responsibility for any personal or property damage resulting from the use of student-built bunk beds or lofts. See Furniture Policy.

LOST AND FOUND POLICY

Non-perishable lost and found items will be held for 30 days. After 30 days, the property will be turned over to the University Police Department or a charitable group.

MAIL POLICY

Mail or packages are accepted for residents only.

MAILBOX POLICY

Official University correspondence may be placed in student residential mailboxes by the building staff only.

MAINTENANCE POLICY

Residents are not permitted to undertake repair work to the building or its equipment. Residents may not alter the structure, paint, or remove any University property from the assigned residence unless given permission in writing from the Associate Director of University Housing & Dining Services for Residential Facilities.

MOVES WITHIN UNIVERSITY HOUSING

It is required that you contact your staff member before you move within the building or transfer to another residence hall or to Greek Court so they can complete the necessary change forms. **YOU MUST OFFICIALLY CHECK OUT OF THE ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED SPACE TO AVOID AN IMPROPER CHECK-OUT OR MOVE CHARGE OF \$25.**

NOISE POLICY

All residents have the right to read, study and sleep without interference or unreasonable noise and other disturbances. Therefore, a uniform noise policy was developed to insure these rights are observed and that all students know what is expected of them. Therefore, a uniform noise policy was developed to insure these rights are observed and that all students know what is expected of them.

The University reserves the right to remove or restrict the use of radios, televisions, stereo systems, or the use of musical instruments if they are used in such a way as to disturb the other residents or if their use creates a fire hazard or housekeeping problem. The first incident will result in a warning and/or University reprimand. Repeated violations will result in fines and/or restrictions. **PLEASE USE HEADPHONES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF YOUR ROOMMATE AND OTHER RESIDENTS.**

OUTLETS (OVERLOADING)

Buildings are wired to provide ample outlets in each room. They are not designed to be overloaded with multiple plugs or extension cords. Overloaded circuits may cause wiring to melt and possibly start a fire. Fused multiple outlet strips with a circuit breaker may be used if plugged directly into the wall outlet. These help to protect your equipment as well as prevent electrical fires. Please keep all electrical cords visible. Do not hide them under rugs or hang them from the ceiling. Finally, NEVER use frayed cords.

OUTSIDE BUILDING DOORS, UNIVERSITY COURT

Outside building doors are to be locked 24 hours a day. Doors found propped open will result in a \$25.00 fine to the building. If you find a door propped, for your security, please close the door.

PERSONAL PROPERTY POLICY

The University is not responsible for the loss of

personal property by fire, theft, or any other cause. Keep your valuables secured at all times by keeping your door locked and carrying your key with you whenever you are out. If you choose to bring any expensive items with you such as your TV, stereo, computer, etc., you may want to make sure these valuables are insured. Insurance for personal belongings is not available through the University.

Police reports show that the majority of items stolen were taken when doors were left unlocked. An unlocked door is a welcome invitation for thieves. Money, jewelry, stereos, clothes, etc. can be stolen in a matter of minutes. Always lock your door for theft and personal safety reasons. It unlikely that you would leave the door to your home unlocked if you lived outside the University. The same precautions should hold true for your University room.

PET POLICY

Pets are not allowed in University Housing, with the exception of fish in a properly equipped aquarium. Violators are subject to cleaning, damage, extermination charges, University disciplinary action and/or eviction.

See Emotional Support Animals/Service Animals.

POLICIES SPECIFIC TO UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS

See University Apartments Handbook.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING

Please refer to Eastern Policy No. 93 at castle.eiu.edu/auditing/igplisting.php

POSTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

No announcements, advertising, signs or printed materials may be placed on the interior or exterior walls, windows, or doors of any building (except in residences as permitted University Housing and Dining policy, in individual offices, or on designated posting

areas), on trees, lampposts, trash containers, fences, sidewalks, grounds or equipment of the University. Advertising on parked vehicles, without prior written permission from the Campus Scheduling Office, is prohibited.

Bulletin boards are maintained by the University for academic use, for University business, or for other authorized purposes. The privilege of using such facilities for the promotion of co-curricular activities, for other events of interest to the University community, or for commercial purposes, is provided on a space available basis, subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

Registered student organizations or off-campus public service organizations may post, with advance approval from the Campus Scheduling Office, items which promote on-campus co-curricular activities or other events of educational or public service interest to the University community, provided that unrestricted bulletin boards are used in accordance with this policy. A list of boards available for such purposes is available from the Campus Scheduling Office. Postings must include the name of the primary sponsoring department, Registered Student Organization, or other entity permitted to post on campus. Postings are limited to one per board, should not exceed 11"x 27", and are not to be placed over other current posters. Standard desktop staples, thumb tacks, or push pins are to be used; the use of tape or commercial staple guns is prohibited. Posted materials will normally be removed within 30 days or after the event or activity. The use and placement of banners, sandwich boards, or other signs are subject to prior approval by the Campus Scheduling Office.

Each hall has a designated board for public posting. Any posting on this board must be approved through the Campus Scheduling Office. Once approved, the poster can be placed by the individual receiving the approval. Only one poster per event can be

placed at each posting location.

The advertising of commercial products, services, or off-campus businesses will be restricted to specified bulletin boards in limited locations, a list of which is available from the Campus Scheduling Office, unless otherwise approved by an Associate Director, Campus Scheduling or designee. University bulletin boards may not be used to publicize events or activities which are unlawful or in violation of the Student Conduct Code. Distribution of non-commercial literature is permitted outside of buildings, subject to reasonable time and place, and manner restrictions. Distribution of commercial handout literature is prohibited on campus without prior permission from the Campus Scheduling Office.

Residential buildings with public areas include: Andrews, Lawson, McKinney, Pemberton, Stevenson, Taylor, Thomas, and University Court.

PRANKS

Individual or group behavior that leads to actual or potential harassment, accident, injury, damage to University or personal property, or damage that requires abnormal or unnecessary cleaning of University Housing buildings and facilities is not permitted. Students who engage in pranks which constitute a violation of the above will be expected to assume appropriate responsibility for their actions. Playing with fire extinguishers or other safety equipment is also prohibited.

PROPPING DOORS

Repeated door propping may result in a fine or other sanctions.

REFRIGERATORS, RESIDENCE HALLS AND GREEK COURT

Refrigerators must be no larger than five cubic feet.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Student organizations or individuals that wish to distribute questionnaires or undertake research projects involving on campus students

or staff must contact University Housing & Dining Services for written authorization. A written proposal along with approval from the faculty chairperson, must be submitted at least three weeks before the project begins.

ROOF ACCESS

Residents are not permitted on University Housing roofs at any time.

ROOM/APARTMENT SEARCH AND ENTRY POLICY

The University reserves the right to have authorized personnel (Assistant Directors, Complex Directors or their agents) enter student rooms or apartments to determine the amount of damage and general misuse of University property, maintain general order and security, and conduct official business.

Discretion will be used at all times. Whenever possible, the rooms or apartments will be entered when the student is present. No rooms or apartments will be entered without knocking. When there is reasonable cause to believe that established conduct standards or health and safety regulations are being violated, a room may be entered and a search conducted upon authorization of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Director of University Housing & Dining Services, or SAS.

Should the Housing Staff on call for a housing unit have reasonable cause to believe that the imminent destruction of evidence of violations of the Student Conduct Code is likely to occur, or to ascertain the identity of occupants reasonably believed to be engaged in immediate violations of the Student Conduct Code, or in emergency situations where imminent danger to life, health, property, or safety is reasonably thought to exist, an administrative search may be immediately conducted with timely subsequent notification to the Director of University Housing & Dining Services, or the Director of Student Accountability and Support.

Stolen items or contraband seized in plain view or as the result of an authorized search may be used as evidence in student disciplinary hearings. The University may not consent to the search of a student's room by law enforcement personnel in the absence of a lawfully executed search warrant.

ROOM/APARTMENT SEARCH AND ENTRY POLICY FOR MAINTENANCE

The University reserves the right to enter the apartment at any reasonable time, with or without prior notice, to make needed repairs; for insect extermination, to address health and safety concerns; and to provide routine maintenance renovations or remodeling. Notice will be given, if possible, for major repairs.

ROOM DAMAGE CHARGES

Damages beyond normal wear and tear discovered during or at the end of the school year will be charged to the student's account.

Damages caused by residents or their guests will result in the resident being responsible for the cost of all resulting cleaning, repairs, and replacement of property.

To lessen the possibility of being charged for damages made by previous residents, each resident is required to complete a ROOM CONDITION REPORT upon moving into his/her room or apartment. The staff will help in completing the report. The staff will inspect the room at check-out time and supply the student with a statement of charges. It is essential that the student is thorough in completing the Room Condition Report.

SERVICE ANIMALS

Students planning to bring service animals to campus should contact the Director of Disability Services at 217-581-6583 or the Senior Associate Director of Housing & Dining at 217-581-5111 to make arrangements for accommodation. Please allow sufficient time so that appropriate arrangements can be made. [See Pet Policy.](#)

SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors have been installed in all student rooms, apartments and suites for the safety of all residents. Tampering with the detector or removing the battery defeats the protection for you and others that the smoke detectors provide. The University feels so strongly about the safety of its buildings and occupants that a fine of \$100 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, and \$200 for the third offense will be imposed as a deterrent to those who would tamper with or remove the battery from a smoke detector. Problems with a smoke detector should be reported to a housing staff member immediately.

SNOWBALL FIGHTS

Snowball fights are prohibited within 100 feet of buildings.

STUDY HOURS, RESIDENCE HALLS

This year, study hours will be voted on by the residents of each hall... that's YOU! Until voting occurs for these hours, we will begin the year with the following study hours in effect: 8pm to 10am Sundays through Thursdays and 12am to 12pm Fridays and Saturdays. During Midterm and Final Exam weeks, intensive study hours are in effect 24 hours a day with relief hours being from Noon to 1pm, 5pm to 6pm and 10pm to 10:30pm. No loud or disruptive noise should be heard outside rooms during study hours. All other hours are "courtesy hours." During that time, a reasonable amount of quiet is expected to allow residents to sleep and study. Stereo speakers should not be placed out of an open window. Also, rowdy behavior (water fights, pranks, etc.) is not permitted on campus.

Residents must assume responsibility for monitoring their behavior and should ask others, who infringe upon their right to sleep and study, to be more courteous. Repeated complaints of excessive noise, pranks, etc., against a person, room, suite, or hallway will result in disciplinary action. Roommates are to be courteous to each

other and respect the rights of others to sleep and study without undue difficulty.

SOLICITATION

Organizations and individuals may not act as vendors or sales agents for a business, nor may they set up a business, in university-owned housing.

Businesses may leave promotional materials at the front desk of a residential building, or at the office of a residential complex. Materials will only be displayed with the okay of the Professional Staff members of that building/complex.

Door-to-door solicitation is strictly prohibited. Staff members will promptly escort unauthorized solicitors from the building.

TELEPHONE AND INTERNET HARASSMENT

Those who commit phone harassment subject themselves to a number of different penalties. University penalties could consist of: suspension, University disciplinary probation, service hours and fines. Illinois Law states that charges of phone harassment could result in six months in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

IF YOU ARE BEING HARASSED BY TELEPHONE OR INTERNET:

- Do not aggravate the harasser.
- Tell the harasser that you want nothing to do with them and that you're going to report them to the University Police Department.
- Keep a log of any calls you receive (date and time), and save all e-mails/text messages.
- If harassment continues, or is threatening or obscene in nature, go to the University Police Department and file a report.
- Phishing emails should be reported to phishing@eiu.edu.
- Internet security questions can be sent to info-sec@eiu.edu.

THREATS, DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Threats, disruptive conduct leading to personal injury and destruction of property could result in probationary status, along with full restitution for damages, and possible removal from University Housing and/or the University.

TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS

In accordance with the Illinois Smoke Free Campus Act (Public Act 098-0985), the use of all tobacco products, includes e-cigarettes and vaporizers, will be prohibited on all campus property, both indoors and outdoors, including buildings, grounds, parking lots and vehicles that are owned, leased, occupied, operated or otherwise controlled by EIU. Use of tobacco products will be permitted only in private vehicles traveling through or parked on campus provided that second-hand smoke is contained within the vehicle.

TORNADO AND SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS

Residence hall front desks post tornado watch and severe thunderstorm watch signs. It's important that residents distinguish the difference between a "TORNADO WATCH" and a "TORNADO WARNING."

If the red "TORNADO WATCH" signs are posted by the residence hall desk, this means that conditions for a tornado are favorable in the area. Residents should monitor both TV and radio weather bulletins and take precautionary measures should monitor both TV and radio weather bulletins and take precautionary measures. If a "TORNADO WARNING" is issued everyone should take cover in the designated area of that building. Students should proceed in an orderly manner to the interior hallway or basement and remain there until the staff announces the end of the alert. Sirens are tested at 10am on the first Tuesday of the month.

TRASH POLICY, RESIDENCE HALLS AND GREEK COURT

Residents are responsible for their personal trash. Trash should be taken to the designated location for their residence. Recycling should be strongly considered when discarding items. Utilize recycling rooms and bins where applicable.

TRASH, GARBAGE, ETC., UNIVERSITY COURT

Next to the apartment buildings are large trash bins. Place all trash in these bins and close the lid. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TRASH SITTING OUTSIDE OF YOUR APARTMENT.** Do not put hot coals in the bins or dump coals into the bushes outside of your apartments. Garbage must be taken to the dumpster. If the trash bags are found sitting in the hallway or apartment trash is found in the laundry room trash can, there is a charge to the resident of \$5 per incident.

UNESCORTED GUEST, RESIDENCE HALLS*

All guests (on-campus residents only) must be escorted at all times while in the residence halls. Vandalism, theft and other policy violations may occur as a result of unattended strangers or visitors roaming the halls alone. For these and other reasons residents must escort guests of the opposite sex to and from their rooms. Ask the front desk for the location(s) of male/female designated restrooms or gender neutral bathrooms.

VACATION/BREAK CLOSING POLICY

For safety and health reasons, whenever you leave your room for vacation periods, you must turn off all your lights, unplug all appliances (includes refrigerators and computers but excludes aquariums), empty wastebaskets, and close and lock your windows and doors. After the building is closed, the staff will check the rooms to insure compliance with this policy. Violations of policy may result in disciplinary action.

VISITATION HOURS, RESIDENCE HALLS*

The initial responsibility for control and supervision of visitation hours belongs to the individual. Consideration for privacy and rights of roommates and other residents must be respected. Each guest of the opposite sex must be escorted from the lobby to and from the student's room. Students are responsible for the conduct of their guests.

STRANGERS

Never let someone into the building who is not your guest. Vandalism, theft, and assault can occur as a result of letting strangers into your building after the doors are locked, so do your part to keep strangers from entering the building. Non-residents wanting entry should call ahead and have a resident meet them at the outside doors. Propping outside or hallway doors open for guests allows for easy entry by anyone. By doing this, you jeopardize the safety and security of all the residents in your building, including your self.

24-hour visitation for members of the opposite sex will be extended to weeknights when there are no University scheduled classes the following day.

VISITATION POLICY, RESIDENCE HALLS*

Minor violations of the Visitation Policy such as visitation hours, escorting guests, and use of restrooms designated for the opposite gender will result in a University reprimand and/or fine. Repeat violations will result in restrictions on visitation privileges.

- You must escort guests at all times.
- Members of the opposite sex are required to be out of the building during non-visitation hours.
- Guests of the opposite sex are required to use restrooms designated for use by

their gender. Ask the front desk for the location(s) of male/female designated or gender neutral restrooms.

WATER GUNS AND WATER BALLOONS

The use of water guns or water balloons is prohibited inside buildings or within 100 feet of buildings.

WATERBEDS

Waterbeds are not allowed in University Housing.

WEAPONS

Possession or use of illegal weapons, paint guns, BB guns, airsoft pellet guns, firearms, explosive devices, knives (e.g., switch blades, butterfly knives, hunting knives, etc.), bows, hunting equipment, martial arts weaponry, bullets, pellets, BBs or any ammunition, live or inert (decorative) are not permitted in University Housing.

WINDOWS AND SCREENS

Open windows negatively affect the temperature within the communities. Ejecting objects from the windows or ledges is extremely hazardous and is prohibited, and may result in appropriate disciplinary action. Screens found removed from windows, in disrepair (i.e., torn, bent, broken) or missing completely may result in fines and other disciplinary sanctioning. Flashing lights, making extreme gestures, posting inappropriate or offensive signs in the windows of residential facilities is also prohibited. Residence halls and Greek Court with central air-conditioning and heating systems should keep the windows closed during extreme temperatures. Open windows during times of extreme heat or cold after receiving a warning may result in behavioral sanctioning.

*See *Bathroom Policy, Cohabitation Policy, and Guest Policy.*

PANTHER DINING RELATED STANDARDS

BEHAVIOR IN DINING FACILITIES

Appropriate behavior is expected (i.e., no throwing of food, no destruction or theft of food or dining property, etc.). Please use common sense. Destruction and theft lead to increased costs as well as disciplinary action for those involved.

COMMENT CARDS FOR DINING FACILITIES

Cards are available at eiu.edu/dining.

DRESS CODE IN THE DINING FACILITIES

All visitors must wear shirts, shoes and appropriate attire.

ENTRY TO DINING FACILITIES

Please follow the designated service routes, when entering the dining facilities. Some of the facilities will check your Panther Card upon entering and some will inspect your card upon exiting.

Food Events

No one may act as a food event vendor in or around residential buildings without proper authorization. Student organizations/ staff members requesting to cook, bake, serve or sell food products in or around residential buildings must obtain written approval from the Coles County Department of Public Health and the Associate Director of University Housing & Dining Services for Panther Dining. Necessary forms include: Temporary Food Permit (Coles County Public Health at 217-348-0530), Food Event Form (Panther Dining), and Request To Use Facilities Form (University Housing & Dining Services).

Taking food out of the Residential Dining Centers Students may request a "to go" box while at a residential dining center. Each dining center has a limitation on the food taken out. No food may be brought into the dining facilities. It is the responsibility of the individual to provide proof of purchase for any items brought into or taken out of the dining facilities.

2020-2021 Room and Board Rates, Residence Halls and Greek Court Rates based on standard double room occupancy per semester.

7 Plus Plan - 7 Meals Per Week plus \$200 Dining Dollars per semester plus 2 Bonus Meals per semester	\$4,550
10 Plus Plan - 10 Meals Per Week plus \$60 Dining Dollars per semester plus 3 Bonus Meals per semester	\$4,753
12 Plus Plan - 12 Meals Per Week plus \$100 Dining Dollars per semester plus 4 Bonus Meals per semester	\$4,932
15 Plus Plan - 15 Meals Per Week plus \$140 Dining Dollars per semester plus 5 Bonus Meals per semester	\$5,131
Unlimited Meal Plan - Unlimited Meals plus \$150 Dining Dollars per semester plus 6 bonus Meals per semester	\$5,415

CONTRACT INFORMATION

CONTRACT DATES, RESIDENCE HALLS, GREEK COURT AND UNIVERSITY COURT

The contract for the 2020-2021 academic year is from August 20, 2020 to May 7, 2021.

ROOM & BOARD PAYMENTS

Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover credit card payments can be made online at eiu.edu/pawslogin, and in person at the Cashier's Office located in Old Main.

Personal checks, cashier's checks, or money orders (made payable to "Eastern Illinois University") may be mailed to:

Cashier's Office
Eastern Illinois University
600 Lincoln Avenue
Charleston, IL 61920

The Cashier's Office will also accept personal checks, cashier's checks, money orders, or cash payments in person. Do not mail cash.

Go to the Bursar/Student Accounts web site at eiu.edu/busofc/bursar_payment.php. A student's E-Number is required.

HOUSING DOWN PAYMENT

A housing down payment of \$100 is required to reserve a residence hall or Greek Court room assignment.

HOUSING PAYMENTS

After the \$100 housing down payment, all housing and dining related charges will be billed to the student's account.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HOUSING CONTRACTS

The contract is between the individual stu-

dent and the University. Review the Terms and Conditions for Housing contracts fully at: eiu.edu/housing/rb_contracts.php

RESIDENCE HALL/ GREEK COURT APPLICATION

The Residence Hall/Greek Court housing application must be paid before any other action is taken. A non-refundable fee of \$50 is required with the student's application for a room within the residence halls and Greek Court.

HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS, RESIDENCE HALLS AND GREEK COURT

Assignments are made according to the date the University receives the non-refundable \$50 housing application fee. Students who currently live in the residence halls or Greek Court have first preference over incoming students. The remaining vacancies are filled with incoming students based on the order of their date of application, and receipt of the room and board contract. Once you are assigned to a specific residence hall, room changes may be permitted seven days after the buildings open.

ROOMMATE ASSIGNMENTS, RESIDENCE HALLS AND GREEK COURT

All students are given the opportunity to request a specific hall, room, and roommate. However, physical space and prior assignments of returning students are limiting factors in being able to meet every student's request. If you want to live with someone you know, you should be aware that roommate requests must be mutual. In other words, if you request someone, he/she must also request you in order for the request to be met.

UNIVERSITY COURT APPLICATION

A non-refundable housing application fee of \$50 is required when students apply for University Court. Students should speak with a University Court staff member before applying.

REQUIREMENTS TO LIVE IN UNIVERSITY COURT

To qualify for housing in University Court, the applicant must be enrolled at Eastern. To qualify, applicants must have 30 semester hours or be 21 years old.

UNIVERSITY COURT UTILITIES

All residents are responsible for an equal share of electric and water averages in their apartment. Electric service must be maintained by one occupant for the duration of the contract.

UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS APPLICATION

University Apartments applications may be obtained from University Housing & Dining Services in the west wing, lower level of the MLK Jr. Union or at eiu.edu/housing/universityapts.php. A \$50 non-refundable housing application fee and documentation to verify family status must be submitted with the application. Married applicants will be asked to submit a certified courthouse copy of their marriage license. Single parents must provide birth certificates for their dependant children, and information on the children's school, day care center, or babysitter. University Apartments is the only on campus housing environment where children are permitted to reside in accordance with the University Apartment Contract.

ASSIGNMENT AND OCCUPANCY FOR UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS

Students must pay a minimum of \$100 down payment in addition to a \$50 application fee prior to Aug. 1 for fall and Dec. 1 for spring in order to guarantee their apartment assignments.

SAMPLE CONTRACTS

- Residence Halls and Greek Court Standard/Early Bird Contracts available at: eiu.edu/housing/rb_contracts.php
- University Apartments Contract available at: eiu.edu/housing/universityapts.php
- University Court Contract available at: eiu.edu/housing/rb_contracts.php
- Residential Network (ResNet) User Agreement available at: eiu.edu/housing/ResNet_User_Agreement.pdf

COVID-19 INFORMATION

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The general health and safety guidelines have been created in accordance with local and state guidelines, public health recommendations, and EIU campus guidelines and policies. We expect that all members of the UHDS community—residents, staff, and visitors—act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them, including respect and consideration for the health and safety of members in our broader communities.

As a residential student, you are expected to follow the health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations, and health and safety guidelines adopted by the University or UHDS as it relates to COVID-19. This guidance will evolve as the issue evolves and may include, but is not limited to:

- social distancing,
- gathering size limitations,
- personal protective equipment (PPE) including face and mouth coverings,
- COVID-19 diagnostic testing (including before or upon arrival to campus),
- contact tracing,
- disinfection protocols,
- limitations on guests in campus living environments, and
- quarantine/isolation requirements (including before or upon arrival to campus).

You and your visitors are required to follow the guidelines below in all residential spaces, including bedrooms, bathrooms, community kitchens, lounges, dining centers, courtyards, and other common spaces.

You should self-assess your health every day, monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19,

including atypical combination of symptoms such as: a fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. If you experience these symptoms, you should call a medical professional. Medical services are available on campus through the EIU Medical Clinic.

DINING SERVICES

Dining Services, including where and how a wide variety of meal options will be offered to residential students, are subject to the discretion of the University and are subject to modification to address public health concerns. Due to health and safety guidance adopted by the University, Panther Dining will limit the occupancy of a dining center, limit the amount of time students may reside within a dining center, or make other operational adjustments needed to address health and safety concerns.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) POLICY

As a resident on campus, you will be required to follow EIU's campus policy on the use of PPE. *You will be expected to wear face and mouth coverings* when you are in any public spaces in University Housing and across the campus. This includes, but is not limited to: lobbies, office areas, public or community bathrooms, community kitchens, social/study lounges, and dining centers.

You are not required to wear a mask when:

- you are in your individual residence hall room by yourself,
- you can maintain six-foot distancing in student suites or university-operated apartments,

- you are using a recreational cardio machine in the EIU Recreation Center,
- you are jogging on the Tom Woodall Panther Trail, or
- you are taking a walk during the evenings and weekends and you can maintain social distancing of six feet or more between walkers.

You can find additional information at eiu.edu/covid/2020CovidEIUMaskingPolicy.pdf. Students not wearing appropriate face and mouth coverings will not be able to enter spaces to receive services or participate in group social activities planned for residents and to attend other campus events, and may be subject to further disciplinary actions.

GUEST & VISITATION POLICY

Outside guests will not be permitted in any University Housing living area. An outside guest is any individual who is not currently living in University Housing (Residence Halls, Greek Court, University Court, or University Apartments). This includes both daytime visitors and overnight guests. The only exception is for the two people who are allowed to help you when you move in – they must wear masks.

SOCIAL DISTANCING POLICY

You will be required to maintain social distancing in accordance with University guidelines. This includes staying at least 6 feet from other people as often as possible. If you must be within a 6-foot range of others, you should minimize interaction times, preferably to less than 15 minutes, and wear a face mask that covers both the mouth and nose.

In the limited cases where roommates are allowed, roommates or suitemates may be treated as a “household” to allow more than one occupant per room. If you are visiting another student in their residence room, or they are visiting yours, everyone must wear a face mask at all times.

Occupancy limits are as follows:

Residence Halls (except Stevenson) and Greek Court: If you live alone, you cannot have more than 2 people in your room (including yourself). If you have a roommate, you cannot have more than 4 people in your room at the same time (including yourselves).

University Court/University Apartments/Stevenson Suites: You cannot have more than twice the number of residents in your unit at the same time. For example, if three people live in your unit, you cannot have more than 6 people in the unit (including yourself).

Elevators: No more than 4 people may ride a single elevator at the same time. Everyone in the elevator must wear a mask.

QUARANTINE / ISOLATION / SEPARATION

At any time, the University may require a resident to leave their University Housing unit if that resident's continued presence in the housing community poses a health or safety risk for community members. Residential students may be required by UHDS to leave their assigned space due to COVID-19. Not all UHDS residential rooms or halls are appropriate for self-quarantine/self-isolation. If a student is recommended to self-quarantine/self-isolate, they might not be permitted to continue residing in their original room. In that case, if they are unable to return home during this time (including, but not limited to, international students, students who don't have a home to go back to, or students who have “at risk” individuals at home), they will be provided alternative housing arrangements as needed. Removal from UHDS to isolate or quarantine does not constitute a termination of a residential student's housing contract.

CLEANING

UHDS will continue to implement and expand its cleaning protocols to address COVID-19 in

the interest of minimizing the spread of the virus. We will provide additional bathroom cleaning supplies in common floor bathrooms areas for individual use, if desired. We will also educate and inform you on appropriate cleaning protocols within your assigned spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

In the event of a conflict between this University Housing and Dining COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines section and other sections of the University Housing and Dining On-Campus Handbook, the COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines section will apply. We expect our residents to recognize the important role they play in their own health and that of the community. *Failure to adhere to this agreement could result in student disciplinary proceedings.*

PROTECT OUR PANTHERS PLEDGE

Being a part of the Eastern Illinois University community means that each of us must take extraordinary steps to stay healthy and protect each other, both on campus and in the community. I pledge to take responsibility for my own health, the protection of others, and help keep the EIU community safe from spread of COVID-19 and other infections as identified and instructed by the university.

I PLEDGE TO:

1. PROTECT MYSELF

- Self-assess daily - Monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19 and contact a medical professional if I experience a combination of atypical symptoms, including a fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell.
- Follow excellent hand hygiene practices, wash my hands often with soap and

water, and/or use hand sanitizer.

- Get vaccinated for the flu in the fall.

2. PROTECT OTHERS

- Maintain appropriate social distancing, and be attentive to the needs of others for proper protection.
- Wear an appropriate face and mouth covering and other protective gear as directed by the University.
- Stay home if I feel ill, or if I am exposed to someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Agree to follow the University's directive and policies regarding quarantining.
- Be positive, attentive, and helpful to anyone around who may need support.

3. PROTECT OUR PANTHER COMMUNITY

- Keep my clothing, belongings, personal space, and shared common spaces clean.
- Participate in testing and contact tracing to preserve the wellness of the community.
- Carefully observe instructional signs, follow directions, and adhere to the practices outlined in EIU's Campus Guidebook.
- Observe these same safety practices when out in the greater community of Charleston-Mattoon.