



SPRING 2021 ON-CAMPUS HOUSING FAQ

How will WCU Residence Life and Housing and USH determine who will get housing for Spring 2021?

Priority Housing will be given to students who are in the following categories: Promise Program students, proven hardship cases, academic placements (i.e. student teachers, clinical placements, and internship sites), students with in-person engagements and challenging home learning environments.

TRADITIONAL HOUSING SPRING FAQ

If I'm currently living on campus, am I allowed to stay? Current Fall 2020 students **in Traditional Housing** (South Campus Apartments and College Arms Communities) may remain on campus. However, to remain on campus you will need to complete a Housing Intent Form in MyHousing **by Monday, November 30, 2020, by 11:59 pm** to confirm your Spring 2021 plans.

What if I canceled my housing for the Fall semester but need it for the Spring semester?

If you completed 2020-2021 Occupancy Agreement but canceled for the Fall semester and would like spring housing, visit **MyHousing (linked in MyWCU)** and complete the Housing Request Form by **Monday, November 30, 2020, by 11:59 PM**. You will be notified about the status of your request no later than **Friday, December 18, 2020**. For the health and well-being of our students, all residents will be placed in single bedrooms at our South Campus Apartments and College Arms Communities.

Traditional Housing has 20 vacancies for the Spring. To be considered for Traditional Housing, visit **MyHousing (linked in MyWCU)** to complete the Housing Request Form by **Monday, November 30, 2020 by 11:59PM**.

USH AFFILIATED HOUSING SPRING FAQ

Who is being considered for housing in Spring 2021? USH can accommodate a total of 620 students on-campus this spring. For the health and well-being of our students, all residents will be placed in single bedrooms at our south campus apartment communities (Village and East Village). To be considered for USH Affiliated Housing you are required to have a previously completed lease agreement and visit the **USH Resident Portal** to complete the USH Housing Intent Form by Monday, November 30, 2020 by 11:59PM.

What steps do I need to take if I had a USH 2020-2021 signed lease agreement? We are asking all USH residents to visit the USH Resident Portal to complete a Housing Intent Form by Monday, November 30, 2020 by 11:59PM. You can choose from four options: (1) Request Spring 2021 Housing Only (2) Request Spring 2021 and Academic year 2021-2022 Housing (3) Request Housing for 2021-2022 (4) Opt-out from On-Campus Housing

If a student completes a Spring 2021 Housing Intent form and it is not approved, what happens? If a student is not approved for Spring 2021 housing, they will have the option to complete a Housing Intent Form for 2021-2022 academic year or to opt out from future housing communications.

When will I be notified that I have been accepted for on-campus housing for Spring 2021? You will receive an email on or before December 18, 2020 informing you of your housing status.

Will I be able to get a parking permit for South Campus? All approved students living in the South Campus Apartment Complex, The Village Apartments and the East Village Apartments can apply for a semester parking pass through West Chester University Parking Services. All questions regarding parking on-campus should be directed to WCU Parking Services. WCU Parking Services will provide the specific parking passes available for Spring 2021.

If I don't have a vehicle, how can I get to north campus? West Chester University offers shuttle service for students to travel between north and south campus.

Am I required to have a meal plan? No, students residing in the apartments (Village, East Village, SCAC and College Arms) are not required to have a meal plan. Every apartment has a kitchen. However, meal plan options are available for your convenience.

If I purchase a meal plan, what options are available to me? WCU and its dining services partner, Aramark, are committed to adapting our operations to ensure students who will be on campus in the Spring have safe access to a variety of dining options.

TRADITIONAL HOUSING FAQ FOR 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR HOUSING

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While there are no guarantees, our goal is to accommodate as many students as possible. Current first-year students in particular, with a previously completed 2020-2021 occupancy agreement will be given priority consideration for the 2021-2022 academic year. Students will be asked to complete a **Housing Interest Form** for the 2021-2022 academic year. We ask that you visit MyHousing (**linked in MyWCU**). We will review all Housing Interest Forms and contact students in the spring semester. If space is available, you will be required to complete a new application and sign a new occupancy agreement for 2021-2022 to secure housing.

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Will I get the same room assignment for the 2021-22 academic year? We cannot guarantee that you will receive your previous housing assignment. However, once we assign rooms, we will offer a room change period prior to the start of the fall semester.

Can I be guaranteed the same roommates as previously assigned? Although we cannot guarantee roommate requests for the Fall, we will do our best to accommodate your request.

What will happen with my \$200 non-refundable application fee paid from the 2020-2021 lease term? The application fee paid to USH for affiliated housing remains non-refundable. If you paid a \$200 non-refundable application fee and **did not** live with USH during the 2020-2021 term, you will not be required to pay another \$200 non-refundable application fee for the 2021-2022 academic year.

LIVING ON-CAMPUS SPRING 2021

Are there guidelines for living on campus? Yes. Students living on campus will be required to follow the guidelines outlined by West Chester University and federal, state, county or local governmental agency. [On Campus Housing– COVID Rules and Regulations](#)

- Face Coverings** – Requirement of personal face coverings/masks in common areas for visitors and students
- Social Distancing** – Students will need to practice 6 feet of safe social distancing.
- Amenities** – Building amenities will have reduced occupancy to maintain social distancing guidelines.
- Family unit** is defined as a group of students who share an apartment, suite or bathroom.
- Guest Privileges are suspended.** After you have completed your move in, to protect the residential community, guests will not be permitted.

This means that you are not to visit any other apartment and you are to have no guests in your apartment. To ensure all have the same understanding, a guest is defined as anyone who is not officially assigned to your unit. Should any resident be documented for willingly ignoring the university's guidelines that you signed and agreed to follow, the University reserves the right to temporarily remove you from campus housing until your conduct matter has been resolved.

Ongoing monitoring of the health and safety of the community will occur continually. We expect if guest privileges are reinstated, residents should expect strict limitations, which will be communicated at that time.

Because of the overriding concern for the health and safety of our community, WCU reserves the right to amend, modify, delete, or add new and additional rules and regulations to the use and care of the facilities in furtherance of those health and safety concerns. Such amendments will be emailed to residents and posted within the residential facilities.

What happens if I get sick? If a student is symptomatic, the student will need to call Student Health Services for guidance and/or an appointment with a provider. If a student is symptomatic and is tested for COVID-19, the student should self-report by completing the [designated University form](#). Students will be provided the option to self-isolate in University designated locations. In addition, we are asking all residents to have a quarantine ready bag. Please see [link](#) for suggested items. Also, there will be a separate charge for isolating on campus with USH. Please note, if a student must return home, they will be permitted to return to on-campus housing once being cleared from the medical provider. Chester County Health Department (CCHD) will be notified. The CCHD has been responsible for conducting contact tracing and notifying individuals who may have been exposed.

What steps are both WCU Traditional Housing and USH Affiliated Housing doing to keep on-campus housing clean? In an effort to ensure the well-being of our students, high traffic areas and touch points will be cleaned more frequently. Building common areas and amenity usage will be modified to ensure we remain in compliance with federal, state, local, and University guidelines. All students and staff will be required to follow the guidelines. These and all other guidelines will be posted throughout our communities and they must be adhered to at all times.