

## FOR RETURNING STUDENTS WHO WERE HERE IN THE FALL – CLOSED BUILDINGS

(Blair-Shannon, Freddy, Wells, Woods)

Hello,

As you make your final preparations to move back into your residence hall at Missouri State University, we wanted to make sure you know what this process will look like. Here are a few key points:

- **If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or are sick, do not come to campus. Contact our office to let us know of your delayed arrival.**
- **You must be approved by the COVID-19 Response Team before going to the residence hall.**
- **You may qualify for an expedited approval process.**
- **The COVID-19 Response Team only provides approvals during limited times of the day. If you do not arrive during these times, you are not allowed to move in that day.**
- **Our closed residence halls (Blair-Shannon, Freddy, Wells, and Woods) reopen at 8 a.m. on Jan. 9.**

**All residents will have to test for COVID before moving back into residence halls.**

Before moving back into your residence hall, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken on or after Jan. 6, 2021.
- Have proof of testing positive for COVID-19 on or after Oct. 10, 2020 and have been released from isolation.
- Are tested upon return to campus as outlined below.
- Quarantine in on-campus quarantine housing for 10 days.

Regardless of which criteria you meet:

- You must go the Testing/Verification location during one of the testing/verification times. **You will not be allowed to move in until you have been tested** or have shown proof that you meet the criteria to the COVID-19 Response Team.
- If you will be arriving later than Jan. 10, please call 417-836-5536 several business days in advance to arrange a time to be tested.
- **If you test positive during testing, you will not be allowed to check in to your spring housing assignment.** You may either move into the campus isolation housing or you may return home to complete your isolation. Have a contingency plan prior to arriving.

### Testing details

When you arrive to campus, go to Hammons Student Center prior to moving back into your residence hall. Location: Hammons Student Center, (661 S. John Q. Hammons Parkway), Southwest Entrance (by Beach Volleyball)

Times:

- Saturday, Jan. 9 – 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 10 – 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Additional Information:

- Testing will be provided in 30-minute intervals.
- You cannot test if you eat or drink (including water) within 30 minutes prior to testing.

**Express Process** – If you meet any of the following, please bring your proof and your BearPass to the Testing/Verification station in Hammons Student Center for an expedited process.

- Have a negative COVID-19 test that was given on or after Jan. 6, 2021, or
- Have had COVID-19 within the last 90 days and have resolved, or
- Prefer to quarantine for 10 days at the on-campus quarantine housing.

## **Documentation of negative test required to move in**

You will receive documentation from the COVID-19 Response Team proving you have met the requirement to move into your housing. You will be required to show proof of testing prior to moving back into your residence hall and each time you re-enter during the first few weeks of classes.

If you choose not to get tested, you will be required to quarantine for 10 days in our alternative housing.

## **Dining services**

- Meal Plans and Dining Dollars will be active beginning Jan. 9. Dining Dollars can be used at any dining location including PSU restaurants.
- For all information about dining, including hours of operation, visit [www.dineoncampus.com/missouristate](http://www.dineoncampus.com/missouristate) or to download the Dine On Campus App.
- In accordance with Springfield city ordinance our dining centers can only hold 50% of our required capacity. With this in mind, you may choose to take your meals to go or to eat in the dining center when seating is available.

If you have any questions or concerns about move-in, feel free to call our office 417-836-5536 or email [ResidenceLife@missouristate.edu](mailto:ResidenceLife@missouristate.edu). Residence Life offices will be closed from Dec. 19 - Jan. 3.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in the process.