Because COVID-19 infects individuals by spreading across and within close community networks, it is essential that every one of us in the residential community uphold a shared obligation and commitment to act prudently, safely, and in accordance with public health directives. The expectations below promote shared responsibility for safe practices among all members of the residential community.

These expectations are part of the housing contract for living on campus for 2021-22. By accepting your housing assignment, you agree to these expectations. Note that these expectations may be updated and revised to reflect additional guidance from the city, state, and federal governments if necessary.

The College has adopted these expectations to promote the collective well-being of our community, and specifically the students, staff, and faculty in residence or working in residences during this time period.

- I will follow the University guidance for vaccinations, access to campus, social distancing, masking, testing and tracing, quarantine and isolation, hygiene, travel and living in residence. I understand that I will be expected to participate in a residential testing cadence.
- I will share truthful information with HUHS. I understand that any information that I share with contact tracers is confidential and will not be communicated to the Community Council under any circumstances.
- I understand that violation of any COVID-19 protocols will be considered a serious violation and will be addressed by the Community Council and that my ability to enter and remain upon the Harvard campus as a residential student is conditioned on my adherence to these expectations.
- These expectations exist not just for my own health, but also to protect and safeguard the health of those around me, including Harvard University Dining Services and Facilities personnel and other staff who live or work in our buildings.
- I acknowledge and accept that these rules and guidelines may change as life on campus and public health guidance across the country evolve, and as new testing and tracing methods emerge. I agree to abide by any new rules and guidelines promulgated by Harvard for application in the residential setting.

Note: Cleaning supplies, masks, and testing kits are available from the Building Managers and from Yard Ops.
Community Accountability:

- Any alleged violations related to COVID-19 guidance will be reviewed by the Community Council, which will have the authority, among other things, to remove a student from residence on campus.

- The Community Council, convened by the Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct, will hold responsibility for reviewing serious concerns related to these expectations, such as a student’s refusal to undergo testing or failure to abide by isolation or quarantine terms.

The Community Council and the College’s Title IX Resource Coordinators work together with the aim of removing barriers to disclosure of sexual harassment and misconduct. In order to encourage information sharing and seeking support, the College will ordinarily not hold students accountable for violations of the Residential Community expectations if those violations also include allegations of sexual misconduct or harassment. Nor will information disclosed by a student to a Title IX office or the Office of Dispute Resolution be considered by the Community Council. Additionally, in order to encourage information sharing and seeking support, it is not the practice of Harvard College’s Title IX Resource Coordinators to share information related to Handbook violations with the College’s Administrative Board or Honor Council. This practice is maintained with respect to potential violations of the Community expectations Harvard College’s Title IX Resource Coordinators will not provide reports about potential violations of these expectations to the Community Council.