Levels of Reopening for Harvard College Students in Residence

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In all levels: practice mandated public health measures: regular required testing cadence, daily Crimson Clear attestation, physical distancing, regular hand washing, masking as appropriate to level. Students are required to adhere to all local, state, and federal guidelines.

All details are subject to change.

Moving from one level to the next: These levels of reopening provide either more or less access to facilities and programming based on current public health conditions, including but not limited to community compliance with campus rules, virus positivity rates on campus and in the surrounding area, and guidelines from local, state and federal authorities. Other than the purple/arrival quarantine level, there is no distinct timing attached to each. The ability to move between levels is directly tied to student behavior and public health conditions.

Level 0: Purple/Arrival Quarantine

Phase 1: Until the first negative test (generally within 24 hours after arrival), students must remain strictly in their rooms. Students will pick up meals upon arrival or have meals delivered.

Phase 2: Until the third negative test (generally on day 8 or 9), students largely remain in their rooms. Students may leave their rooms only to: pick up/drop off test kits; pick up meals; and go outside for up to 30 minutes at a time, remaining in the outdoor area contiguous to their assigned House or dorm. Students in Phase 2 quarantine may socialize, masked, in pairs or with suitemates, so long as they do so outside and in accordance with campus guidelines.

Once students have received a third negative test result following their assigned schedule, they are deemed to be out of quarantine.

Once students are out of Phase 2 quarantine, they will follow the expectations of the appropriate residential level.

The phases are described in the following pages.
Level 1: Red

What Harvard College residential students can expect:

• Note: Level 1 is reserved for a situation that requires the College to operate only essential services for campus safety and residential support.
• All programming and socializing is virtual.
• No guests are allowed.
• Dining will be grab and go.
• No travel is permitted.

Level 2: Orange

What Harvard College residential students can expect:

• Students may travel into Harvard Square and within a 30-minute walk of campus. No overnight stay away from campus.
• All College, House, and Yard-sponsored programming is virtual.
• All socializing is virtual, except students can socialize outdoors, masked, in pairs or with suitemates, so long as they do so in accordance with campus guidelines. 3 layer “procedure masks” are required on campus, or masks with filtration protection greater than or equal to the FAS-issued face coverings.
• No guests are allowed. Only those living in a suite are permitted in that space.
• Grab and go dining.

Level 3: Yellow

What Harvard College residential students can expect:

• Each resident can host one guest at a time in their room or suite. The guest does not always need to be the same person.
• No overnight guests in accordance with the single-room occupancy rule.
• Smaller House or dorm spaces (study and music spaces) may be open by reservation for residents residing in that building.
• Outdoor gatherings of up to 10 (if state guidance allows); if eating, up to 4 people.
• Some limited outdoor College, House, or Yard-sponsored programming.
• Central College/FAS campus spaces (such as athletic spaces, SOCH, Memorial Hall practice rooms) open with policy determined at each location; small group study spaces open per posted capacity.
• House dining halls open for evening individual study per capacity limits.
• College, House, and Yard-sponsored outdoor programming.
• Grab and go dining.

Level 4: Lime

What Harvard College residential students can expect:

• Each resident can host one guest at a time in their room or suite. The guest does not always need to be the same person.
• No overnight guests in accordance with the single-room occupancy rule.
• Gatherings of up to 8 students may be allowed by reservation in some common spaces (per capacity limits) for any student living on campus.
• Central College/FAS campus spaces (such as athletic spaces, SOCH, Memorial Hall practice rooms) open with policy determined at each location; small group study spaces open per posted capacity.
• House dining halls open for evening individual study per capacity limits.
• College, House, and Yard-sponsored outdoor programming.
• Grab and go dining.

• Travel allowed within 10-mile radius of campus; no overnight stay away from campus allowed.
Level 5: Green

*What Harvard College residential students can expect:*

- Some physical distancing or mask requirements, depending on campus location. 3 layer “procedure masks” are required on campus, or masks with filtration protection greater than or equal to the FAS-issued face coverings.

- All residential non-dining spaces open (capacities will be posted); normal usage and (pre-COVID) reservation policies in place.

- Campus resident guests (all students living on campus) allowed in suites with ordinary residential rules in place.

- Gatherings allowed by reservation in some residential common spaces per capacity limits.

- Central College/FAS campus spaces (such as athletic spaces, SOCH, Memorial Hall practice rooms) open and reservation policy determined at each location; small group study spaces open per posted capacity.

- House gyms open with proper cleaning protocols and capacity limits.

- House dining halls open for evening individual or group study.

- House dining halls open for limited seating meals per capacity limits, in accordance with Harvard University Dining Services protocols.

- College, House, and Yard-sponsored outdoor and indoor programming.

- Possible after-hours use of large indoor spaces (e.g., the Gordon Track Center, QRAC) for socializing, within capacity.

- Possible College, House, and Yard-sponsored small group excursions.