



## HARVARD COLLEGE

### RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS RELATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH

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 any existing public health directives related to COVID-19 or other critical public health situations. The expectations below promote shared responsibility for safe practices among all members of the residential community, including the staff who live and work in our buildings.

These expectations are part of the housing contract for living on campus (agreed to by all students in their first year at Harvard). By accepting your housing assignment, you agree to these expectations the entire time you are living on campus including off-term housing. 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.

- I will follow any existing [University guidance](#) related to [COVID-19](#) or other public health concerns (for example, this guidance could include vaccinations, access to campus, social distancing, masking, testing and tracing, quarantine and isolation, hygiene, travel, and living in residence). I understand that I may be expected to participate in required testing.
- I will share truthful information with HUHS. I understand that any information that I share with HUHS is considered private medical information and kept confidential by HUHS.
- I understand that violation of any public health protocols that may be put in place by the College with regard to residential life may be considered a serious violation and will be addressed by the College, and that my ability to enter and remain upon the Harvard campus as a residential student may be conditioned on my adherence to these expectations. For more information, visit the [Harvard College Student Handbook](#) chapters on Housing and Residential Life, particularly the sections on “Disciplinary Action” under *Policies Governing Enrollment and Residency* and the “Housing Contract” under *Housing Policies*. Please also review the “Emergency Reservation of Rights” section.

In terms of the intersection of public health expectations, communication, and privacy concerns, students should be aware that the College is primarily concerned with students’ health and well-being. The College’s Title IX Resource Coordinators aim to remove barriers to disclosure of sexual and gender-based harassment and other sexual misconduct. The College will not hold students accountable for violations of these Residential Community expectations if those violations also include allegations of sexual misconduct or gender-based harassment or other sexual misconduct, in most circumstances, to encourage information sharing and seeking support. Nor will information disclosed by a student to a Title IX office or the Office of Dispute Resolution be considered by the College. 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 residential expectations.