



RESIDENTIAL LIFE POLICIES

For DSO Summer Housing (Summer 2020)

The policies below are in place for students in residence during this time period. These policies are designed to ensure the health and well-being of all students on campus, and to safeguard the health of the larger community. By signing the summer residence agreement, students acknowledge that they are aware of these policies and will abide by them.

- All students have their own bedroom, their own bathroom and a private kitchen.
- We have worked with our partners in the Accessible Education Office (AEO), Title IX, and Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) to continue housing accommodations for students.
- Common rooms, common kitchens, gyms, and other house-wide amenities are closed to reduce the risk of infection. The only amenities available are laundry rooms.
- Students must follow all public health mandated social distancing guidelines, including wearing masks in all common spaces.
- A failure to abide by these expectations may jeopardize a student's ability to remain in residence.

Moving Date and Logistics: Students must move to their summer housing assignment on May 17. Dollies and other moving supplies will be provided in the building manager's office ahead of time. *Please note that students remaining on campus for the summer are responsible for moving their own items. If you have concerns, please contact the Housing Office.*

Dining: There are no dining options available as part of summer housing. Students are responsible for preparing their own meals in their kitchen spaces.

Health services: All students continue to have access to health services. Please note that HUHS has advised that they are reaching out by phone to follow up with those students who contact them. Please answer your phone and check your voicemail to respond to their outreach.

Security: All students are advised to continue to observe proper security protocols – they should remember to lock their doors and follow the safety measures suggested by HUPD for security purposes.

Face covering/mask requirement: The City of Cambridge requires that all residents wear face covering or masks in any indoor or outdoor common spaces or other public spaces as defined by the City of Cambridge guidance [here](#).

Social Distancing: Students are free to leave their summer housing for exercise or to make essential purchases but must practice social distancing. This means:

- no direct contact;
- no playing catch or games, insider or outside
- staying 6 feet away from each other

Students are discouraged from using public transportation and ride sharing services. These rules will be updated in accordance with City or State requirements, as necessary.

Party policy: All in-person parties are prohibited during this period. In accordance with state and University guidance, **no more than two people may gather at once**, and they must use appropriate social

distancing measures. One suggestion is to pick a social distance “buddy” while the stay at home advisory is in effect, someone to go for a walk with or sit outside, using distancing protocols. The goal is to reduce the number of people with whom you are in contact. Virtual forms of socializing of any size are encouraged.

Drugs and Alcohol: All forms of drug and alcohol consumption for all students is forbidden, even for students who are over 21. **This is an extremely important rule.** We need students to be especially vigilant to prevent situations where they need medical help from the overuse of alcohol and drugs. We cannot contribute to an already overburdened healthcare system. That said, the [Help-Seeking Policy](#) is still in effect and students, if in need, should not hesitate to seek medical help. Sources of help might include: HUHS or other medical providers; College residential life staff; and HUPD or other police or security officers.

Guests: Absolutely no overnight guests are permitted during this period. Only Harvard students who have been granted permission to remain on campus are permitted in the summer housing. No student should enter another student’s designated suite, including their kitchen/common room/bedroom/bathroom. Students on campus are not permitted to stay in each other’s rooms overnight.

Hygiene: Students are also urged to practice good hygiene. Good hygiene entails thorough and frequent hand washing (sing the “happy birthday song” twice), and hand sanitizer, especially when returning from outside, after using a restroom, and before meals. Anyone who feels ill should avoid social contacts until cleared to do so.

Support: A Summer Director and proctors will be available to offer support for students in residence over the summer. In addition, students may continue to reach out to the Resident Dean of their affiliated House, Community, or dorm for academic and other support. (E.g., Leverett students will continue to work with the Leverett Resident Dean, even they are living in Adams.)

Travel: Students must follow the latest [University Guidelines](#) for foreign and domestic travel. All travel is strongly discouraged. Students wishing to travel outside of the Greater Boston area or for any overnight stays for essential reasons during this time must consult with the Summer Director and register their travel (international or domestic) via this [Qualtrics form](#). They must also consult with HUHS before returning to Harvard summer housing. They also need to be aware that, depending on where they go, they may have trouble returning to campus and may need to self-isolate for 14 days upon their return; such students may not return to their normal activities until they have been contacted by HUHS.