

Residence Hall COVID-19 Response

Q&As

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Students living in the Residence Hall will follow the overall Clarkson College COVID-19 procedures available on the website and in the *Our Path Ahead to [Summer 2021](#)*. This guide outlines campus and academic expectations as well as COVID-19 procedures. Clarkson College reserves the right to update the procedures and its response guide at any time to align with the most current guidelines available at the federal and state level.

Students living on campus are required to complete a daily COVID-19 symptom check before exiting and entering the Residence Hall. The daily symptom check questions include:

1. Have you come in contact (within six feet for more than 15 minutes without a mask) with someone who is symptomatic or has a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 14 days without the use of a mask?
2. Do you have any of the following symptoms that are new: a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher with or without chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, nausea/vomiting or diarrhea, muscle or body aches, fatigue, headache, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose?

If you answer “YES” to either COVID-19 symptom check questions, stay in your apartment, contact the Residence Life Coordinator (402.991.4825) and your academic program director and fill out the [Student Quarantine Self-Reporting form](#) on the website.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are students required to socially distance and wear masks within the Residence Hall?

All Clarkson College students are expected to comply with social distancing guidelines (more than six feet apart) on campus including within the Residence Hall common spaces as much as possible. Masks should be worn in all common spaces (lobby, elevator, hallway, laundry room, study lounge, etc.), and students should not be eating or drinking while in common spaces, including the hallway and lobby. Students are not required to socially distance or wear masks in their apartments.

2. If a student/roommate refuses to practice proper College health recommendations on and off campus, including social distancing or wearing a mask, what should I do?

Students should talk to their roommate and share their concerns. If the student continues to avoid following College procedures, report the violation to your RA/RHC for mediation. If a mediation does not resolve the issue, a separation of living spaces may occur, and it may also result in a Student Code of Conduct violation (Policy SW-18).

3. What happens if a student is asymptomatic and required to self-quarantine in the Residence Hall due to potential close contact?

If a student is asymptomatic and is required to self-quarantine due to close contact (less than six feet for more than 15 minutes without a mask) the student must contact the Residence Life Coordinator (402.991.4825) as well as their program director and fill out the [Student Quarantine Self-Reporting form](#) on the website.

If the student is vaccinated, they must still fill out the Student Quarantine Self-Reporting form at the link above. If the student has been fully vaccinated and it is two weeks out from the student's full vaccination, they may be cleared by the College Clinical Compliance office without quarantine. The student must wait for an official clearance from the College before returning to campus or class.

The entire apartment will then be required to self-quarantine per the COVID-19 College procedures for 14 days from the date of exposure or until a negative COVID-19 test result for all students and proper documentation is submitted to the College Clinical Compliance office.

4. What happens if a student is required to self-quarantine in the residence hall for being symptomatic or has a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis?

If a student becomes symptomatic or tests positive for COVID-19, they must contact the Residence Life Coordinator (402.991.4825), their program director, and fill out the Student Quarantine Self-Reporting form on the website.

Depending upon the circumstance regarding roommates, 1) a student or students may be directed to self-quarantine in an empty apartment within the Residence Hall; or 2) The entire apartment will be asked to self-quarantine per the COVID-19 College procedures for 14 days from date of exposure or until a negative COVID-19 test result for all students and proper documentation is submitted to the College COVID Task Group.

5. Where can I be tested or obtain information about testing for COVID-19?

Individuals seeking a COVID-19 test should contact their health care provider. Clarkson College does not offer testing on campus. Students will be responsible for any costs associated with testing, care, or treatment related to COVID-19. Information can be obtained through your appropriate local health department. The following contact information is for counties near campus:

Douglas: 402.444.3400
Sarpy/Cass: 402.537.6970
Pottawattamie: 712.328.5777

Testing for COVID-19 in Nebraska and Iowa can be found on the following websites:

Nebraska: [TestNebraska.com](https://www.testnebraska.com)
Iowa: [TestIowa.com](https://www.testiowa.com)

6. If a student is in quarantine, how do they obtain the basic necessities (food, toiletries, etc.)?

If a student or an entire apartment is self-quarantined for 14 days, the College will work with the residents to ensure they have groceries and personal items needed. Students will be encouraged to pre-order and pay for supplies and groceries via a local grocery store and a Clarkson College employee will pick up and deliver the items to the apartment. This service will be assessed based on how long the student or apartment needs to self-quarantine.

7. If a student is in quarantine, how do they access laundry services?

Should a student or apartment be self-quarantined for 14 days, the College will work with a reliable laundry service to ensure that the student(s) have clean laundry, at no charge to the student. This service will be assessed based on how long the student or apartment needs to self-quarantine.

8. If I have to quarantine, can I quarantine at my parent's/friend's home, hotel and/or other off-campus location?

Students may quarantine at an off-campus location with the understanding that they may not return to their Residence Hall apartment until the student's quarantine has ended. The student must inform the RHC of the decision.

9. If there is an emergency facility request (broken pipe, no hot water, no air for an apartment, etc.) during quarantine, how will the request be fulfilled?

If there is an emergency facility need, the student should contact the RA duty phone immediately (402.913.0465) and indicate the emergency, and that the room is under quarantine. The Residence Life staff will contact emergency maintenance and will arrange for service. Students will be asked to isolate in their private bedrooms with the doors shut prior to workers arriving and remain there until the issue is assessed.

10. If there is a non-emergency facility request (light bulb out, one burner on stove doesn't work, etc.) during quarantine, how will the request be fulfilled?

For non-emergency situations, students may be asked to wait until their quarantine time is ended or once they receive a negative COVID-19 test for a facilities member to assess and resolve the issue.

11. If the College moves to complete remote online education or if the campus closes, what are my options?

Students may choose to remain on campus in their Residence Hall apartment and take their courses online. Clarkson College will not require students to leave (or move home), and we will not close the Residence Hall. If a student chooses to move home due to extreme circumstances (e.g. pandemic), the break of contract fee of \$500 will be waived, and a refund will be given for the remainder of housing tuition.

Please note: the student must completely move out and follow the procedures located in the Residence Hall handbook to receive the refund. A partial move out and/or improper checkout will not result in a refund.

12. Are guests allowed in the Residence Hall?

Each resident is allowed a maximum of two Clarkson College affiliated guests (i.e., a Clarkson College student). Clarkson College affiliated guests may be in the common areas or a resident's apartment. All guests are expected to follow mask and social distancing guidelines.

Guests must have their Clarkson College ID on them and be prepared to show it if requested by a Residence Life staff member. If a guest does not have their Clarkson College ID, they will be asked to leave, and it will be considered a code of conduct violation on the part of the resident.

Residents are only allowed two guests maximum, regardless of how many guests their roommates may have.

13. What if I am fearful?

Clarkson College is taking additional infection control strategies to protect our College community. Please do not hesitate to communicate with your Residence Hall advisor, academic advisor, faculty or program director at any time. We are here for you. Counseling services will also continue to be provided and can be scheduled through the Success Center.

*Clarkson College reserves the right to modify these processes and procedures based on each situation and any extenuating circumstances.