

RESIDENCE STANDARDS ADDENDUM

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As students settle into their new home at Trent University, Student Housing is working diligently to provide all students with a safe place they can learn, make friends, achieve their goals, and feel a part of the campus community.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the way in which we interact and build community within our residences has changed in order to reduce health risks and protect your safety. To maintain the safety of all residents and staff, the precautionary measures in this addendum are in place until further notice. As we progress into the year, the University will be in consultation with public health, and government authorities to evaluate the measures and modify them as necessary.

The Student Housing team has developed a multitude of ways to safely get involved with others in your community, get support, and have fun. By working together, we can overcome the challenges posed by COVID-19 and keep each other safe. If you have any questions about these measures, please speak with your Don or Residence Life Coordinator.

COVID-19 Precautionary Measures Policies

Hand Hygiene

Students need to practice good hand hygiene while living in residence. Good hand hygiene means regularly washing your hands with soap and warm water or hand sanitizer by rubbing your hands together (palms, between fingers, and the back of your hand) for at least 20 seconds.

Mask-Friendly

We are mask friendly as masks continue to be optional on Trent's campuses and we respect the decision of student, staff, and faculty regarding their choice on masking. We strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask in spaces that have high-capacity limits and limited ability for physical distancing. Masks are available at each Student Housing Service Centre, college offices, libraries, and Student Centre. For more information on Masks & Face Coverings please [click here](#).

Exposure and Illness Reporting

If a student in residence is not feeling well and experiencing COVID-19 symptoms it is the responsibility of student to report any symptoms of COVID-19 (not related to seasonal allergies or pre-existing medical conditions) to a member of the Student Housing team (e.g., Don, RLC, or don on call) to ensure that necessary measures can be taken to reduce the spread.

Once notified by the student, Student Housing will request that students complete the provincial-self assessment tool and conduct a series of screening questions to determine the next course of action. Students that may be ill or have been exposed to COVID-19, may be required to relocate to an isolation area or otherwise referred to Health Services.

[Click here](#) for more information about Case Reporting and Expectations.

Stay Safe and Updated

Additional health and safety measures continue to be in place on our campuses including wastewater testing and improved ventilation systems through our buildings.

Students can stay up to date by checking the Trent Forward website as the University continues to monitor conditions in partnership with our public health units.

Isolation Support

Working with Public Health, Student Housing has developed an isolation protocol for those students that may have been exposed to COVID-19 and/or are experiencing any symptoms. .

If a student believes they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and/or is experiencing any symptoms, upon notification from the student, Student Housing will make arrangements for the student to self-isolate and have a COVID-19 test.

Students in isolation are not able to leave their isolation space or have any visitors beyond the guidelines provided by staff. Upon entering isolation students will be provided personal protective equipment to be worn outside of their bedroom.

Student Housing has designated specific protocols for each residence that may require students to relocate to a specific isolation area or isolate in-place depending on the ability to access services (appropriate bathrooms and/or food services).

Working with Food Services, Student Housing has dedicated positions to ensure students in isolation are supported, assist with their needs, and provide check-ins to monitor their wellness and assistance transitioning out of isolation.