June 23, 2020

Dear resident Highlander,

As Residence Life prepares our community for your arrival this fall, a range of precautionary measures and new safety protocols will be put in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in all on-campus residential communities. We intend to provide you with a positive on-campus experience while abiding by all local, state, and federal protocols. Although these plans may change as we continue to monitor and respond to recommendations and guidelines from the appropriate authorities, we understand students need time to make an informed decision about fall 2020 on-campus housing.

Precautionary measures include a 15% reduction in overall housing capacity, the removal of all triple rooms, and a sharp increase of Fall single-occupancy rooms while maintaining the use of double room suites and apartments. Single-occupancy rooms with private bathrooms are also held as quarantine space. A student quarantine protocol was developed for use in spring 2020 which includes daily meal delivery and monitoring as well as notice to the Office of the Dean of Students as a means to offer interim support and faculty notification as appropriate. Additionally, self-monitoring tools, such as temperature sensing kiosks, will be provided on-campus including the residence halls.

Using a phased approach, residents and staff are expected to continuing practicing good hygiene while adhering to policy changes designed to reduce risk. This includes the temporary suspension of guest privileges, restricted occupancy in essential common areas such as study lounges, building laundry and kitchen facilities. Ongoing cleaning and sanitation will take place as well as the installation of physical barriers in high-visited areas and, unidirectional use of halls and stairwells.

Continuing students who selected housing during the Continuing Student Housing process will maintain access to their 2020-2021 placement; sufficient space is available to house all incoming and continuing student new applications received by the May 1, 2020 priority deadline. Applicants unable to be housed immediately may request to be added to a housing waitlist. Residence Life will offer placements based on the date of application, distance from campus, and any extenuating circumstances.

Residence Life staff will engage in ongoing training related to the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, notification and support processes related to student self-quarantine, a review of relevant campus resources such as NJIT Health Services and the Office of the Dean of Students and...
Campus Life, and means to develop community using virtual platforms and activities during the initial reopening phase.

Residence Life is scheduled to hold weekly information sessions during New Student Orientation beginning in July where Fall 2020 information will be reviewed. We encourage new students to attend. Residence Life also welcomes all students and their families to contact our office with questions by calling (973) 596-3039 or via email to reslife@njit.edu.

While we hope to see you all on-campus this fall, due to these unprecedented circumstances, students who opt to cancel their 2020-2021 housing contract due to COVID-19 related concerns may do so without penalty. Students may reapply at their earliest convenience and will be placed in on-campus pending available space. To cancel without penalty, the applicant must email reslife@njit.edu from their NJIT account requesting cancellation by August 1, 2020.

Please visit our website for a detailed list of Fall 2020 Residence Life Recovery Plan Guidelines. Additional information about a staggered Fall 2020 move-in plan, including an early item drop-off process, will be released in early-July.

Lastly, please await further information about our revised Residence Contract. All resident students will be required to review and accept the updated terms and conditions in order to maintain access to their 2020-2021 residence hall assignment.

Sincerely,

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