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Sequestration Process for Graduate Residents Returning from Thanksgiving & Winter Break

Dear Graduate Student,

To meet local and state public health guidance and travel advisories, you are required to self-sequester when returning to campus from travel. Residents in on-campus graduate housing at UC Irvine, including ACC housing, will be sequestered for at least fourteen days.

What is Sequestration?

Sequestering means minimizing in-person interactions whether in the apartment, or other on or off campus locations where individuals congregate or interact. Students should leave their residences only to participate in essential activities (e.g., to pick up meals or purchase food, participate in low-risk outdoor recreational activities, or obtain health care services). Sequestration is for at least fourteen days.

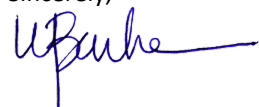
Throughout the sequestration period:

1. **Do not leave your residence except to participate in essential activities** (e.g., to pick up meals or purchase food, to get your regular COVID-19 test, go to work, participate in low-risk outdoor recreational activities, or obtain healthcare services).
2. **No in-person interactions.** While around others who are not part of your family living unit household/apartment, wear a face-covering and maintain a physical distance of six feet or more.
3. **No in-person gatherings.** Residents are not permitted to host or participate in gatherings of any kind during sequestration, including in-person activities. Activities sponsored by your housing community will be online. Low-risk recreational activities should be outside only.
4. **No guests or visitors!** No one is permitted in your room except you! If you live in an apartment, no one but you and your assigned apartment-mate(s) are allowed in the unit.
5. Complete the **Daily Symptom Check** - <https://students.uci.edu/daily-symptom-check.html>
6. Get your **COVID-19 test within 48 hours** of coming onto campus at one of the campus [COVID testing centers](#). Information on testing and scheduling your test is available [here](#).
7. Practice the three basics of COVID prevention: **wear a face-covering** outside of your room, maintain a **physical distance of six feet** or more, and frequently **wash your hands**.

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in disciplinary action. Some restrictions will continue beyond the sequestration period. Learn more about [Student Housing COVID-related Policies](#) and other Student Housing policies available on the [Student Housing Website](#).

While these measures may sound severe, they are designed to mitigate the increased exposure risk documented by public health authorities. We recognize the potential for increased stress resulting from social isolation during this time, and we encourage students to ask for help when they need it--in your housing community or from any of the student [support resource centers on campus](#). Thank you for helping UCI work well.

Sincerely,



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