Sequestration Requirement for Undergraduate Residents

Dear Undergraduate Student,

Due to the rise in undergraduate COVID-19 cases on campus, all undergraduate students residing on campus are required to sequester effective Wednesday November 25, 2020. Residents in on-campus housing at UC Irvine, including ACC housing, will sequester for the rest of the quarter through December 18, 2020.

What is Sequestration?

Sequestering means minimizing in-person interactions whether in the dorms, dining facilities, 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).

Throughout the sequester 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). Please review this <u>chart of permitted activities during sequestration before</u> you pursue activities outside your space.
- 2. **No in-person interactions.** While around others in your household (such as zot pod, house, or 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 the sequestration period, including in-person activities with your zot pod. Activities sponsored by your housing community will be online. Low-risk recreational activities should be outside only (see chart for permitted activities).
- 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 regular COVID-19 test or if returning to campus from travel get your test **within 48 hours** of coming onto campus at one of the campus <u>COVID testing centers</u>. 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, including while off-campus, 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 <u>support resource</u> <u>centers on campus</u>. Thank you for helping UCI work well.

Sincerely.

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