

From: ETSU Office of the Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment  
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**IMPORTANT: Housing Update**

In an effort to ensure the health and safety of the ETSU community, the institution's COVID Medical Team has been charged with evaluating and providing advice to ensure that campus planning for the Fall semester is based on current medical, Federal, and State guidelines and best practices. Furthermore, this team oversees and collaborates with various partners across ETSU Health to administer options for COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and other medical care for the ETSU community.

In consultation with ETSU's COVID Medical Team, the decision has been made to shift residence hall spaces to single bed occupancy. These plans will be implemented for fall 2020 and will be reevaluated later this semester for spring 2021. This is a decision that promotes the health and safety of our campus residents and is being made out of an abundance of caution given rapidly changing COVID-19 conditions in the Appalachian Highlands.

With these changes we have extended the housing cancellation date to 4:30 p.m. EST on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

This decision will primarily impact students assigned to Carter Hall rooms and apartments with double occupancy bedrooms, Clement, Davis, Governors, Luntsford, and West halls for the fall semester. Students who have received a confirmed move-in time via email for these campus housing locations will be able to move in as scheduled. Students not yet scheduled for move-in will be contacted by Housing and Residence Life to finalize an arrival time.

This does not impact students assigned to Buc Ridge Apartments, some Carter Hall rooms and apartments with single occupancy bedrooms, and Centennial Hall, for each of these facilities have individual bedrooms. Students in these areas can continue to move in on the dates/times that they were originally scheduled to arrive on campus. Students not yet scheduled will be contacted by Housing and Residence Life to finalize arrival.

**How the Reassignment Process Will Work for those NOT in Buccaneer Ridge or Centennial Hall**

Housing reassignments will take place based on the date of housing application and deposit, as well as completion of the housing/dining agreements, and the COVID-19 Wellness addendum. Our goal is to contact students with their reassignment as they are made, but each student will receive confirmation/or reassignment information prior to scheduled move-in.

We realize that the timing of this decision is not ideal. We are honored that you have selected ETSU Housing and Residence Life. We want to assure you that those reassigned to a single room will only pay the amount of your original assignment, or the lesser rate if your new assignment reflects a lower rate. Those students who had already selected a private room will be charged the double room rate. Also, our Dining Hall will be open with the full meal plan in effect.

There is not an option for remaining with your assigned roommate at this time. However, our housing staff will work with you to make every effort to keep you in your assigned hall and to keep roommates on the same hall or in the same building where possible.

**Housing Cancellation Date has moved to August 12 and Fee Payment remains August 17**

Should you decide to cancel your housing agreement, please notify Housing and Residence Life of your decision, or of your wish to defer your application/deposit to spring 2021. We request you make this notification immediately to [housing@etsu.edu](mailto:housing@etsu.edu) so that your bill can be adjusted and housing charges can be removed prior to the August 17 payment due date.

**Academic and Course Adjustments**

You received an email from the Provost on August 4 that included the following important message: *I encourage you to take this opportunity to check your fall 2020 schedule in GoldLink and look under "Concise Student Schedule" for any changes in course modality. Definitions of each type of class format is available on the Registrar's [website](#). You may choose to make changes to your schedule and enroll in course sections in the formats you prefer. Use the "Add or Drop Classes" tool in GoldLink to make those changes. If you have questions about your changes or would like to register for different courses for which you are currently not enrolled, please contact your [academic advisor](#) for help. If your schedule changes affect your on-campus housing plans please notify Housing and Residence Life as soon as possible at [housing@etsu.edu](mailto:housing@etsu.edu).*

**Extended orientation programs and Living Learning Communities**

There have been changes to our pre-semester programs. Summer Bridge, Quest, and Preview participants will see all activities, entertainment, and small group sessions occur in a virtual setting. Students can fully participate from home or their on-campus residence. These changes will certainly have an impact on campus Living Learning Communities. Activities would continue virtually but all members of the Living Learning Community group may not be physically located and living together. If you are participating in any of these programs you will receive additional information soon via your ETSU email.

**Scholarships**

At this time, ETSU is waiving the on-campus living requirement for Public Service Corps Scholarship, Creative Arts Scholarships, and STEM Scholarships. No other scholarships/requirements related to housing are being impacted.

If you have additional questions, feel free to reach out to Housing and Residence Life at (423) 439-4446 or [housing@etsu.edu](mailto:housing@etsu.edu).