

**Room and Board Contract Addendum**  
**COVID-19 and Public Health Policies and Procedures**

THIS ADDENDUM is attached to and made a part of the Room and Board Contract for the 2020/21 Academic Year. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Addendum and the provisions of the Room and Board Contract, the provisions of this Addendum shall control.

Johns Hopkins University (“University” or “JHU”) aims to deliver a living and learning experience within University housing while protecting the health and safety of our students and minimizing the potential spread of disease within our community. As a resident within University housing, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”), or similar public health crisis, will impact a student’s housing experience as the University continues to make public health-informed decisions or responds to governmental orders. As a result of living in University housing, residents are required to comply with the [Student Conduct Code](#) (“the Code”) and all University Policies and Procedures. Residents who violate the Code or any University Policies and Procedures will be held accountable through the student disciplinary process set forth in the Code. The University takes the health and safety of our students seriously. As a result, in addition to the requirement to comply with the Code and other University Policies and Procedures, students assigned to University housing must also follow any policies and procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) and the World Health Organization (“WHO”) in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and as set forth in University guidance and guidelines. Additionally, all residents of University housing are expected to follow any and all Executive Orders from the State of Maryland or local governmental entities, or directives from JHU regarding public health guidelines. Students are reminded that public health guidelines are subject to change, and students are responsible for adhering to the current guidelines. A student’s failure to do so may put others at risk. Residential students who do not follow the guidelines and directives set forth in the housing contract, housing addendum, and the Code may face consequences, including removal from University housing. Actions that put individuals and the community at risk will be met with serious outcomes.

*COVID-19 and Public Health-Informed Policies*

1. **Health and Safety.** The University expects all residents living in University housing to act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them, including respect and consideration for the health and safety of all community members. The University may request or require a resident to leave housing if their continued presence in the community poses a health or safety risk for community members or if their actions create a health or safety hazard within University housing. Residential students are required to comply with health and safety laws, governmental orders, ordinances, regulations and health and safety guidance adopted by the University as it relates to public health crises, including COVID-19. This guidance will evolve as the public health crisis evolves and may include, but is not limited to, physical distancing, limitations on mass gatherings, wearing a face covering, daily monitoring of health for [symptoms known to be associated with COVID-19](#) via any means required by the University (e.g., mobile app, webform, email, etc.), COVID-19 diagnostic and surveillance testing (including before or upon arrival to campus), completion of COVID-19 educational modules in the

timeframe specified by the University, attainment of a seasonal flu vaccination from the Student Health and Wellness Center (“SHWC”) once it becomes available, except in limited circumstances, contact investigation, disinfection protocols, limitations on guests into assigned residence halls (as specified in Section 7 below), quarantine/ isolation requirements (including before or upon arrival to campus), any additional requirements included in the [JHU Return to Campus Guidance](#), which is incorporated herein by reference as though set out in full, and any other requirements which may be implemented by the University in the future. Adherence to health and safety requirements applies to all residents and staff and extends to all aspects of housing, including bedrooms, bathrooms, community kitchens, lounges, computer rooms, and other common spaces. Due to public health concerns, residents may not have full access to community kitchens, lounges, computer rooms and other common spaces, but may instead, be required to comply with University guidelines that limit use of these spaces.

**2. Quarantine / Isolation / Separation.** At any time, the University may request or require a resident to leave housing when that resident’s continued presence in the community poses a health or safety risk for community members. Residential students are required to comply with requests from Housing or Johns Hopkins University to leave their assigned space due to COVID-19 or other public health emergencies, and failure to do so is a violation of the housing contract and may subject a student to emergency removal from their assigned space. Additionally, students may be required to self-quarantine or to self-isolate in an alternative University housing location that will be provided by the University. In those situations, students will be required to remain in alternative University housing until medically cleared by medical personnel from the SHWC. Temporary housing assignments to isolate or quarantine do not constitute a termination of a student’s housing contract.

**3. Testing and Contact Investigation.** All residents who believe that they have [symptoms known to be associated with COVID-19 and/or](#) learn that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 are required to contact the Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Call Center (“JHCCC”) at 833-546-7546 to be evaluated and, if the JHCCC so directs, tested for COVID-19. As noted above, residents must also comply with any rules and precautions to self-isolate and/or to self-quarantine should they receive a positive COVID-19 test result. Residents must also follow any guidance from medical health professionals at the SHWC.

In the event a resident is tested for COVID-19 or any other communicable disease for which an epidemic or a pandemic is declared, the resident authorizes any of its medical providers, including the SHWC, to disclose the results of that test to JHU school officials, including personnel within Student Affairs, and other JHU affiliates, as needed, in order for appropriate steps to be taken to mitigate any risk to the resident or any other resident, student, staff, employee, or visitor of JHU. The resident acknowledges that agreeing to these terms is voluntary and no medical treatment will be affected if the resident refuses to sign this Room and Board Contract. To the extent the resident wishes to revoke his or her consent under this Room and Board Contract, the resident is required to notify Housing. Such revocation may be grounds for JHU to terminate this Room and Board Contract. The resident understands that once the results of the test have been disclosed, the test results may no longer be protected under federal and state health privacy laws and may be re-disclosed subject to any other federal or state confidentiality law.

**4. De-Densifying Efforts.** Residential students are required to comply with any de-densifying efforts needed on campus due to COVID-19 or other public health emergencies, including, but not limited to, the relocation of all or some residential students to alternative housing. Relocation does not constitute a

termination of a residential student's housing contract. In the event housing must relocate students as part of a de-densifying strategy due to public health concerns for an extended period of time and alternative housing is not available, JHU will offer impacted students fair and reasonable reimbursement as appropriate and based on information available at that time.

**5. Dining Services.** Due to health and safety guidance adopted by the University or Housing, or issued by governmental authorities, as described in Paragraph 1, Hopkins Dining reserves the right to modify where and how dining services are offered, limit the occupancy of dining halls, limit the amount of time students may utilize dining halls and/or make other operational adjustments needed to address health and safety concerns.

**6. Cleaning.** Housing will continue to implement and modify its cleaning protocols to address COVID-19 or other public health emergencies in the interest of minimizing the spread of disease. Housing will educate and inform residential students on appropriate cleaning protocols within their assigned spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within residence halls and residents will be expected to comply with additional cleaning protocols as required by the University.

**7. Limitation on Guests.** As set forth in Section 1 above, residents are not permitted to have guests in their assigned University housing space. For purposes of this addendum, a "guest" is defined as any individual who does not reside within a student's assigned residential suite, including, but not limited to, other JHU students who do not reside in the same assigned suite, siblings/family, friends from other campuses, and students from other Maryland-area institutions. This prohibition applies to any assigned University housing, including both on campus and off campus housing. Students will only be permitted to access their own residential building and assigned space and will not be permitted to access other residential buildings. Students are also not permitted to provide access to JHU buildings to anyone else.

**8. Additional Requirements for Roommates.** While all students are expected to adhere to the rules and guidelines included in this addendum, students who request and are assigned a roommate are expected to take additional steps in order to maintain the health and safety of not only themselves, but their assigned roommate and other residents in their assigned residence hall. (For purposes of this addendum, "roommate" includes individuals residing in the resident's same suite, hotel room or apartment.). Any student who has a roommate must communicate regularly with their roommate regarding issues that may impact the assigned living space, including any expectations regarding cleaning and use of shared spaces, such as bathrooms and kitchens, and use of common items, such as refrigerators and microwaves. The University strongly discourages sharing any personal care and hygiene items.

**9. Travel.** The University encourages residents to limit travel to the immediate, Baltimore area only, and to minimize close contact with others when utilizing public transportation or ride sharing services. Because of the highly contagious nature of the coronavirus, residents are encouraged to be attentive any time that they come into contact with others, whether on or off campus, and to remain mindful of the University's guidelines regarding the use of face masks/face coverings, physical distancing, hand washing/use of hand sanitizer and limitations on mass gatherings.

**10. Termination.** Upon reasonable notice, JHU reserves the right to terminate housing contracts due to public health emergency needs, including COVID-19. In the event JHU terminates housing contracts due

to public health concerns, JHU will offer fair and reasonable reimbursements for impacted students as appropriate and based on information available at that time.

### **Legal Information**

Your Room and Board Contract is the basic document that states the contractual obligations between you and JHU Housing. This Addendum is legally binding and is incorporated by reference in the Room and Board Contract. You are equally responsible for complying with the rules, policies and regulations contained within the 2020/21 Room and Board Contract and this COVID-19 and Public Health Policies and Procedures Room and Board Contract Addendum.