

Southern Oregon University - University Housing

Additional Expectations for Living On-Campus

The following are additional expectations set for students who are living on-campus. Due to COVID-19, students will need to follow these expectations and others as the academic year continues. We will continue to update this document and sent it to students when new expectations are determined.

What is a pod?

- A pod is the group of students who you are living with in your suite. This is the group that you will be able to eat with in The Hawk Dining Commons, or hang out with in your suite.

When and where should I be wearing a face-covering?

- When in The Hawk Dining Commons, a mask must be worn at all times, unless you are sitting at your table eating your meal.
- Masks must be worn at all times in public spaces. This includes, but is not limited to, the lobbies, hallways, and laundry rooms of the residence halls as well as outdoor spaces when travelling in between buildings.
- In general, be sure to always keep an appropriate face-covering with you in case you need it. This could be especially useful when answering the door, evacuating during an emergency, or when you unexpectedly cannot keep six feet away from other people.

What expectations are for The Hawk Dining Commons?

- If you choose to eat at The Hawk, you may only sit at a table with your pod.
- When in The Hawk Dining Commons, a mask must be worn at all times, unless you are sitting at your table eating your meal.
- Do not move the tables and chairs in The Hawk Dining Commons. They are set for the max amount of students able to sit at the table.
- The Hawk in the dining room is still all you care to eat.

How should I limiting interactions to help slow the spread?

- In order to slow the spread of COVID-19 please refrain from interacting with persons outside of your pod in person. If you do interact with others in person please be sure to wear an appropriate face-covering and keep at least six-feet of physical distance in between you and the other person.

Am I able to have guests?

- Except for the move-in and move-out periods at the beginning and end of each term, residents within the residence halls are not allowed to bring guests into the buildings. This is to help keep the community safe and lower the possibility of COVID-19 within the halls. Any guests within the halls will be politely asked to exit the community by University Housing staff.

Can I hang out with other residents?

- Residents are discouraged from gathering in rooms or suites that they are not assigned to as it is difficult to keep the recommended six-feet of physical distance when too many people are together in an enclosed space. Instead, we encourage residents to connect with one another in one of SOU's many outdoor spaces or in a large lobby area where proper social distancing can be performed.