



On and Near Campus Housing Stay-At-Home Guidance for COVID-19

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This is a rapidly evolving situation. Recommendations will be updated and shared as new information becomes available.

This guidance outlines updated infection control recommendations for COVID-19 in University of Arizona on and near campus housing facilities.

What we know

COVID-19 is highly contagious and is spread primarily through person-to-person contact. While many students and members of the community have been adherent to the public health recommendations promulgated by the University of Arizona as well as Pima County Health Department to prevent transmission, the number of confirmed COVID-19 infections within the student community continues to increase. Over the last three weeks, accelerated transmission of COVID 19 has occurred within the University of Arizona student population.

If this trend continues, illnesses and hospitalizations within the community will continue to increase, jeopardizing UA students, staff, and the broader Tucson community. The Pima County Health Department has been working closely with leadership at the University of Arizona to mitigate this transmission within the University of Arizona community as well as continue to encourage mitigation measures throughout the broader Tucson community. As a result, the Pima County Health Department, in conjunction with the University of Arizona, is taking additional action. While we appreciate the efforts of the majority of University students, a segment of the student community is continuing to disregard current guidance from the University of Arizona campus officials and Pima County Health Department, including having social gatherings and poor compliance with mask wearing. This has created an urgent situation. The safety of our community is a priority.

Implement a 14 Day Shelter-in-Place Self-Quarantine

As a result of the current COVID-19 infection rates, the Pima County Health Department, in concert with the University of Arizona, is taking the following steps for the following geographic area:

- All on-campus dormitories
- All student oriented housing facilities with more than 10 residents between 6th Avenue to the west, Campbell Avenue to the east, 10th Street to the south, and Helen Street to the north

1. A shelter-in-place self-quarantine recommendation is issued immediately to last for 14 days for -University of Arizona students who are living on and off campus within the defined geographical area noted below. Students are strongly encouraged to leave their homes only to:
 - a. attend essential classes and activities as defined by the University of Arizona
 - b. attend work
 - c. obtain food, medical care, medicine or supplies
 - d. caring for family members
 - e. engage in outdoor exercise or access the Student Recreation Center only when social distancing is possible

It is recommended that students use home delivery methods when available to decrease their movement. This recommendation will end September 29, 2020. Sustained transmission beyond this 14 day period may result in an extension of the recommended time and additional limitations.

2. University of Arizona students who test positive for COVID-19 and live off campus will be offered the option of isolating within the isolation dormitories on campus if space is available. However, students living in on-campus university housing will be given priority. Off-campus housing providers are encouraged to provide isolation housing and related services for their residents who test positive for COVID-19.
3. Apartment buildings within the geographic area and where the majority of residents are affiliated with off campus housing at the University of Arizona and have more than ten students in residence, will comply with the following during the next 14 days:
 - a. Close pools and spas;
 - b. Close recreation, game and/or fitness rooms or gyms; and
 - c. Prohibit gatherings of more than 10 individuals

4. Voluntary quarantines will be in effect for individuals residing in Greek houses where more than 10% of residents test positive for COVID-19.
5. The University of Arizona will make available to Pima County residents the current metrics being used to assess the pandemic on campus.

Other Options That May Be Considered

In the event the above measures are not effective in reducing virus spread, the Pima County The Health Department can issue the order quarantining the residents of a building without first going to court. A.R.S. §§ 36-788, 36-789(A). The order will identify the premises and conditions of quarantine and be posted in a conspicuous location on the quarantine premises.

- Within ten days of issuance, the Health Department would file a petition with the court.
- Within 24 hours of filing, the Health Department would provide notice to those subject to the order, likely by personal delivery/posting at the residence.
- A hearing would be held within five days after filing the petition. Anyone subject to the order would be entitled to representation by the County Public Defender's Office.
- The Court must grant the petition if the Health Department shows by a preponderance of the evidence that quarantine is reasonably necessary to protect the public health. The order can last up to 30 days.
- Anyone subject to the order is required to comply with it. The Health Department expects law enforcement and the owners of any private residences to cooperate and assist with enforcement.