Office of Orientation and First-Year Programs

Fall 2020 First-Year Student Move-in Information – August 17-20, 2020
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We’re very excited to welcome you to campus in August. The University and the Rochester metro area continue to reopen safely thanks to the guidance of our experts from the University of Rochester Medical Center who are continually monitoring health and safety protocols that comply with stringent New York state regulations. We are working to ensure that our campus will be one of the safest places you can be this fall.

As you can imagine, the move-in process will include several important modifications in order to maintain appropriate physical distances and make sure everyone is properly protected against COVID-19.

Among these safety protocols, all undergraduate students living on campus must either:

A. Participate in COVID-19 testing upon arrival

OR

B. Provide documentation of a negative COVID-19 test, which must be an RT-PCR test conducted 24-72 hours prior to arrival on campus. Only students who arrive by car and have traveled directly to campus from home (no overnight stop on the way) are eligible to submit proof of a negative test (details below).

Additionally, all arriving students need to have completed the University’s online COVID-19 Safety Training program found on Blackboard at https://learn.rochester.edu. Failure to do so will result in delays in the move-in process; please be sure to complete this in advance.

First-Year Student Move-in
Please note: Each student may only bring one person to campus to assist them with move-in. Both the student and helper must wear a face mask or covering while on campus.

First-year student move-in will occur Monday, August 17–Thursday, August 20. Students will be assigned by e-mail a move-in day and specific time. Roommates living in double rooms will not arrive on the same day in order to process COVID-19 testing results; Residential Life will coordinate a move-in time for each roommate.
The move-in process:

- Students should arrive on campus one hour prior to their assigned move-in time to be tested for COVID-19. Vehicles should proceed through the main entrance to the University’s River Campus (Elmwood Ave. and Wilson Blvd.; GPS: 252 Elmwood Avenue Rochester, NY) and will be directed to Intercampus Drive.

- Student drop-off for COVID testing will be at the corner of Library Road and Intercampus Drive. The student’s family member will be directed to a waiting lot on Intercampus Drive and remain with the car.

- Students will be directed to our COVID-19 testing site in Goergen Athletic Center to receive the COVID-19 test and then will be directed to the Residential Life check-in tables to receive keys, mailbox key, and their ID card. All key pick-ups will be in Goergen Athletic Center, not in residential life area offices.
  - Students who instead present proof of a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test conducted 24-72 hours prior to arrival on campus, along with confirmation of completion of the online COVID-19 Safety training, will be able to proceed to the Residential Life check-in tables. Note: acceptable proof of the COVID-19 test can either be a paper copy of a negative result, or a text message from the testing center. Again, only students who arrive by car and have traveled directly to campus from home (no overnight stop on the way) are eligible to submit proof of a negative test.

- Once a student has completed the testing process and received their Residential Life check-in materials, they will return to their vehicle and may report to their housing area for move-in. Students and families will need to briefly wait in their vehicle in Intercampus Lot before receiving directions to their housing area. Residential Life and Parking Services will be managing the first-year move-in locations.

- Once in the housing area, the student and one family member have one hour to unload the car and get belongings to the student’s room. Move-in carts will be available in housing areas with elevators, and they will be cleaned and sanitized between users. For safety reasons, when the move-in process is complete, the family member and car must leave campus.

**Testing Results**
COVID-19 test results will be reported back to the University and to the student within 24 hours. Students will move in prior to receiving the results of the test, however roommates in double rooms will not move in together before both individuals have a negative test result. If a student receives a positive COVID-19 test, they will be relocated to one of our isolation living areas.

**Students Arriving from Restricted States with New York State Quarantine Requirements**
Amidst current New York State quarantine requirements for individuals arriving to Rochester from certain states with high COVID-19 transmission rates, the University is currently reviewing options and will be sending out updated guidance soon to help students and families begin to make travel plans that include a possible 14-day self-quarantine obligation. The University will distribute this information within the next few days, and the most recent updates can be found on the University’s Restart page at [https://www.rochester.edu/coronavirus-update/guidance-for-students-families-regarding-hot-spot-quarantine-requirements/](https://www.rochester.edu/coronavirus-update/guidance-for-students-families-regarding-hot-spot-quarantine-requirements/).