



## Q&A FROM THE VIRTUAL TOWN HALL FOR RETURNING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

July 30, 2020

This Q&A is current as of July 30. For the latest information and guidance, please consult the [Fordham Forward FAQs](#).

**Note:** This document is not a complete transcription of the chat during the July 30 event. Questions and answers have been lightly edited for clarity; duplicative questions and any notes posted privately have been removed; and hyperlinks have been added to provide additional information.

**I'm coming from a "restricted" state. If I invest in quarantining for two weeks, is there a guarantee I can stay on campus until Thanksgiving?**

If all goes as planned, certainly. However, we also have to plan for any contingency, and continued residence on campus will depend on the ongoing health emergency—which as you know has defied predictions—and any changes in directives from New York state. Any closure prior to the scheduled closure of campus (just prior to Thanksgiving) is something we must plan for, and we will work very hard to address all requests for exceptions to any move order by the state on a case-by-case basis.

**Will late move-ins be accommodated for people finishing their quarantine after the move-in day, and will their housing stay the same?**

Yes, we will work with you as you navigate the quarantine. The Office of Residential Life will be sending an email asking residents to sign up for alternative check-in dates if applicable.

**Fordham is requiring students to be tested for COVID before returning to campus, but tests are being rationed all over the country due to shortages, meaning that only those who are symptomatic may be tested. How should students deal with this disconnect?**

Students are strongly encouraged to get tested at a location near their home prior to arrival at Fordham if they can get the results within 7 to 10 days of their arrival. That will be more efficient for students and families, and lessen the burden on campus testing. If students are not able to be tested before coming to Fordham, we will test them upon arrival, and all students will also be tested as part of Fordham's universal testing program within the first 14 days of their arrival.

**Will COVID testing on campus be billed to us?**

No.

**Would it be possible to stay in University housing if all classes move online?**

Yes.

**NYU has said they are quarantining students in dorms. Why can't Fordham do that too?**

New York state requires people to quarantine in a single room with a private (not a shared) bathroom. We do not have enough of these rooms available where students could move even temporarily. We have been closely monitoring the state's announcements, hoping to see a change in the requirements. We will keep you posted if they change.

**Will clubs receive budgets this semester, and what are the guidelines for students planning club events?**

Yes, clubs are encouraged to plan events during the fall semester, and budget requests can still be submitted. Guidelines for in-person events will be available shortly and will be communicated by email and posted online.

**For those who are taking classes across campuses, how will social distancing work in the Ram Van? Many students use the Ram Van, and many can attest that the space is very small. Is it a limited number of students, and if so, does that mean more vehicles for the Ram Van service?**

Capacity on the Ram Vans will be reduced to 50% occupancy, and the office is preparing as best as possible to plan to accommodate a similar passenger flow knowing there will be fewer people per van.

**What if the student has antibodies?**

The information regarding the presence of antibodies and whether or not it provides immunity is not known. You will be required to provide a current negative FDA EUA-authorized PCR saliva or nasal swab test. [More information about those tests can be found on the FDA website.](#)

**How will students who test positive be taken care of?**

Students who test positive and who can go home will be expected to do so; those who cannot go home, for whatever reason, will be isolated on campus. We have set aside isolation spaces on each campus, for resident students who test positive and cannot return home, for whatever reason; we will supplement these spaces as needed with off-campus accommodations. We have made provisions to provide ongoing support services, medical oversight through health services, and food delivery to isolated students.

**When will Fordham have the list of hotel options for students who are coming from states that must self-quarantine upon arrival in New York?**

You can find a list of hotel options in our [FAQ for Students and Families.](#)

**I have heard that other schools are switching to pre-packaged meals for all dining services. Will Fordham still be offering fresh food or will it be prepackaged? How will the cafeteria work as compared to Urban Kitchen or Cosi?**

There will be take-out options in the all-you-care-to-eat facilities. Fresh food will be available. Seating in all venues will be limited and supplemented with outdoor areas.

**How do we sign up for COVID testing on campus?**

We will send you more information on campus testing in the coming days.

**If a returning student is coming from a state where a 2-week quarantine is required, what sort of documentation would you like if they stay with a relative or family friend in New York or New Jersey rather than a hotel?**

We will be sending an email in the coming days with those details.

**What happens if we get tested 7 days before arrival but do not get our results back in time?**

Students are strongly encouraged to get tested at home prior to arrival if they can get the results. Testing at home will be more efficient for students and families and lessen the burden on campus testing. If students are not able to be tested at home, we will test them upon arrival, and all students will also be tested as part of Fordham's universal testing program within 14 days of arrival.

**For the COVID test needed before arrival, is the rapid test sufficient or should we get the PCR test?**

Rapid tests are not accepted. We are asking all students to have a FDA EUA-authorized PCR saliva or nasal swab test.

**What will Fordham be doing to ensure students do not engage in activities off campus (like parties) that threaten the health of the campus community?**

This is a very serious shared concern for our community. High-risk behavior can put many people at risk. We will publish an array of new and modified policies specific to the ongoing health emergency. Our students and all members of the community will be expected to do all that they can to avoid high-risk activity, and sanctions will include removal from the community if the elements of the [Ram Pledge](#) are not observed.

**Will common areas be open (gym, fieldhouse, fields, Eddies)?**

Yes, they'll be open but with social distancing protocols enforced.

**If I don't go home for Thanksgiving, can I stay on campus and take finals from my on-campus residence?**

The campus will be closing at Thanksgiving, and students will be asked to return home and stay there through finals and until the start of the spring semester. If there are personal circumstances meriting an exception, these will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**When will each class be officially announced whether online or not?**

Course status is being updated daily, as faculty determine how they will offer the course. All course status data should be final by August 10.

**We live in a restricted state. Will we have at least two weeks' notice on room assignment and when our student is to report to campus so we can get him to another state at least two weeks prior?**

Thank you for this question. An email will be coming shortly with additional instructions on quarantine. All students should plan their quarantine to end by the first day they intend to return to campus for any reason, including classes, activities, and residence. Move-in will begin August 22—this date is a good milestone against which to plan.

**Will there be a reimbursement for housing and meal plans given the early closure at Thanksgiving?**

Should days in University housing be limited by COVID-19 related restrictions, Fordham will issue pro rata refunds for the unused portion of room and board charges when the semester ends.

**What is the policy for students who are living with others who are not following campus guidelines?**

Thanks for this question. Significantly modified policies specific to assuring student and community safety during the ongoing health emergency will be published prior to opening and modified as circumstances change. Restrictions on visitation and caps on gatherings will all be a part of prudent safety measures to make sure we can continue residence and classes. We intend to address any policy infractions via our student conduct process.

**When is the final date when we can withdraw from housing and still receive a refund?**

You can receive a full refund if you withdraw prior to the start of classes, August 26. If you withdraw in the first two weeks, refunds will be prorated, and refunds will be provided according to a refund schedule to be determined. If you need to alter your housing arrangements, please complete this [form for housing at the Rose Hill campus](#) and this [form for housing at Lincoln Center](#).

**Under what scenario would a student lose their housing for spring? If they choose to commute, or learn remotely, etc., and not live on campus in the fall?**

Students who forgo residing in housing in the fall are guaranteed a space in on-campus housing for the spring.

**If our daughter doesn't return in August and instead takes classes online for the fall semester, and assuming everything opens up in January, will she have the same room and roommate planned for fall?**

We will do our best to maintain the original room and roommate, but we cannot guarantee that at this time. She is guaranteed housing in the spring.

**If my roommate will no longer be attending campus this semester, will I be in my room alone?**

We cannot guarantee this. We may need to use all available spaces.

**Given that Lincoln Center relies heavily on the elevator in Lowenstein, how does the administration plan on limiting elevator capacity, while ensuring movement in the building is not heavily limited?**

We are limiting elevator cab capacity in Lowenstein to 6 occupants. Occupants are required to wear a face covering, face the front of the cab, and refrain from speaking while in the elevator. We believe this will move the community as quickly and safely as possible.

**At the moment, it only says that students from hot-spot states have to quarantine, but I would love to get confirmation about the requirements for international students.**

International students follow the same guidance as students coming from hot-spot states. We are working to make that clearer in our communications.

**How do we withdraw room and board for fall?**

Last Friday, an email was sent to all resident students at Lincoln Center and Rose Hill with information about how students can defer housing. If you need to alter your housing arrangements for the fall, please complete this [form for housing at the Rose Hill campus](#) and this [form for housing at Lincoln Center](#). And you can write to us at [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center if you have any other questions.

**If quarantining in an unrestricted state but with a friend or family member, what proof of quarantine is required? And is the test to be done AFTER the 14 days, or can it be done 7 days into the quarantine?**

You will receive additional information in a day or so about quarantine, including specifics on documentation for the University and New York state.

**What will the dining situation look like on campus?**

All of our dining venues have been modified to ensure safety and proper social distancing, including many physical changes such as furniture adjustments. We will provide tented areas at many venues to expand on outdoor dining options. Finally, all of our food formats and platforms have been adjusted to accommodate service requirements and safety, as required by New York state guidelines.

**When will students receive housing assignments and move-in dates?**

We will be sending updates about room assignments in the coming days for all students, including first-year students. This will include information for arriving on campus. Please let us know if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**How many students need to be COVID positive before school goes all online and dorms shut down?**

We await guidance from New York state and will be guided by the Department of Health in managing any cases of infection during the semester. Our contact-tracing and tracking system will allow us to make decisions in real time should numbers of infections cause the state to request any emergency measures, including closures.

**When will students in post-selection receive room assignments?**

We are working as quickly as possible to update our students in Post Room Selection. We will be sending these assignments as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**What day will you begin accepting test results? I plan on moving back to my off-campus apartment before classes begin, and I don't want to get a test in my home state if I will need to get another test in New York.**

We need the results to be within 7 to 10 days of your arrival on campus.

**Will students who are supposed to have early move-in still be moving in early? If it is not known, when will we find out?**

At this time, we may not be able to accommodate early arrival. Please let us know if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**I'm a student who is originally from a state on the restricted state list, but I have been living in a state that is not on the list for the past two months. Will I still be required to quarantine before arriving at Fordham or after arriving at Fordham?**

No, but you will be asked to document your stay in a non-quarantine state for both the University and New York state.

**Should students be tested 7 days before the date of dropping off belongings or before they begin living on campus and classes start?**

The testing should be prior to living on campus; it is not necessary to submit testing results prior to the belonging drop-off, August 7 to 15.

**If I decide to stay home until my state is taken off the quarantine list, will I still be billed for housing during those weeks I am not on campus?**

Should days in University housing be limited by COVID-19 related restrictions, Fordham will issue pro rata refunds for the unused portion of room and board charges when the semester ends.

**How are no outside visitors going to be enforced in the dorms? Are there going to be 24-hour guards?**

We will be monitoring overall guests and visitation to the entire campus as well as by our staff at the residence halls. Please write to us if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**When will my student know the date she can move into the dorm? Can you confirm that the test is needed before move-in and not before the first day of class?**

August 22 is the first day of move-in and is a good date to use for planning. A negative test no more than 10 days old is required to be brought on arrival to the campus.

**What are the specific requirements for parents to help their students move in when they are coming from a quarantined state (California)?**

Parents will be asked to confirm that they are symptom-free to assist in move-in and will be asked to observe prudent safety measures, including limited time inside residence halls and on campus. Parents will be allowed in lobby areas of buildings to assist in loading moving bins. Only students will be allowed in the actual rooms. Please monitor your email for more information.

**The emails say no outside students and visitors. What about parents?**

Yes, this would be the same. We need to make sure that we keep our students and families safe. Parents would be able to drop off items for students, but not access the residence halls. Please write to us if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**Can you address exactly what apartment dwelling students from hot-spot states need to do in the weeks before classes begin? Please be specific.**

You will receive an email with instructions in a day or so, but if you are in a private apartment, you will be asked to certify for the University and New York state that you have quarantined or not lived in a quarantine state for at least the 14 days required. Please find more information on our [FAQ page for Students and Families](#).

**If I am taking classes online, can I still come to campus to study at the library (after testing, of course)?**

Yes. As long as you comply with the testing and screening processes, you can enter campus even if taking all classes online. In addition to the library, we are planning for spaces in which commuter students can study and rest between classes and socialize in a safe manner.

**Will students moving onto campus after their mandatory quarantine be able to move into their previously selected housing after the start of the school year? Can we move in late without losing our chosen housing?**

Yes. If you need to delay your arrival for the fall semester, you can move into your current housing assignment.

**Are students able to come home on a weekend if they want?**

Yes, unless home is in a state on the [New York state quarantine list](#).

**When can students who are dorming at Lincoln Center come to campus for on-site testing since there is a 7-day requirement?**

Testing will open on August 15, but we will send you more information about scheduling an on-campus test soon. We do encourage you to take advantage of the free testing available in New York City.

**When will we know about our student's residential info, such as room, dorm, single/double, roommates?**

Assignments will be emailed next week.

**Will students be expected to move completely out of their dorms for Thanksgiving break, understanding the balance of the semester will be completed online?**

No. At this time, students will be required to vacate housing, but not take all of their belongings—similar to the end of a full fall semester. If conditions change, and we expect not to be able to resume in-person classes in the spring, we will have to adjust that. But our plan is to continue in-person classes for the full year.

**Which international countries need to quarantine?**

All students traveling internationally to come to Fordham will need to quarantine.

**Are students guaranteed the same housing assignments for the spring semester if we choose to not return to campus for this semester? Also, if we choose not to come to campus this semester for the whole semester/part of the semester will we get a refund for that time of the housing cost?**

We will not be able to guarantee the same housing assignment if students do not come to the campus during the fall semester and defer housing to the spring. We will guarantee housing in the spring, but not the specific housing assignment. If students decide to leave at any point during the semester, we would prorate their housing charge. Please write to us if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center. Stay well.

**Can the students have their belongings delivered from Dorm2Dorm prior to August 25?**

This may not be possible, simply due to staff being unavailable to help and assist. Please contact your specific residential life office if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**If we are breaking at Thanksgiving, are finals online after Thanksgiving or will they be done by Thanksgiving?**

Courses will continue online after Thanksgiving and then finals will also take place remotely.

**Will masks be required in in-person classes?**

Yes, and in all public areas of the campus. When eating, people can take down their mask as long as they're maintaining a proper social distance.

**Given the fall term will be truncated at Thanksgiving, is there any intent to make a comparative adjustment to the tuition based on the shortened timeframe?**

The time on campus will be shorter by 7 days, but the semester will run its usual length online.

**If someone from a non-quarantine state is accompanying us moving in, will they be allowed beyond the lobby?**

No, we will ask that people assisting with move-in limit their entry and exposure in the halls. We are also asking students to radically reduce the belongings they bring with them to campus.

**Will the students be allowed to go off campus if they live in the dorms? For example, will they be able to go off campus to get something to eat?**

Yes, thanks. They will be required to use the VitalCheck screening app and present their daily health screening pass to reenter campus.

**How does COVID affect the spring semester abroad? My child has been accepted, but can that change and how will you notify us? I have concerns about housing if there are changes due to the virus.**

All study abroad for the fall has been canceled, and if that decision has to be made for the spring, all students who are currently accepted will be notified.

**Will you increase the availability of single rooms? My daughter's roommate is not coming back, and we are uncomfortable with her rooming with a stranger.**

We may need to use all available spaces on campus. Students can reach out to ResLife to speak further about this. Please write to us if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**If a professor chooses to teach on campus, will there be an opportunity for a student to take the class synchronously, but virtually?**

Yes, absolutely.

**What is the exact date students are allowed back on campus?**

Details about the extended move-in process will be sent in the coming days. Classes begin on August 26.

**Can students have small fridges, hot pots, and/or microwaves in their dorms, so that they don't have to leave their rooms for every single meal?**

In some buildings that have kitchens, students have access to ovens/stoves, microwaves, etc., in the hall. If there is not an overall kitchen in the apartment, students on both campuses are allowed to have mini fridges. For residence halls where this is not the case, we cannot allow for microwaves in the room or hot pots due to fire risk. We may be allowing residents into community kitchens, but we will be working to keep these spaces clean for residents to use. Please reach out if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**Can students from "hot spot" states quarantine in two different houses/hotels (same state)? We have receipts from both locations.**

Certainly, and in a day or so the process to present this documentation will be shared.

**The language regarding students who test positive is very vague. "Students who test positive and who can go home will be expected to do so." What does this mean? If parents can drive to pick up the sick student? If they can feasibly get on a train home? Airplanes even? How does Fordham justify sending sick students home to their potentially high-risk families?**

By including the language "who can go home," we intended to convey that it will not be mandatory and we will have space to isolate and care for students who cannot go home.

**How and to what extent will inter-dorm visitation be limited?**

We will monitor visitation through front desk staff of each residence hall. We will set specific building limits per hall, as each hall is a different size. Please let us know if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill and [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**I live in a four-person dorm in Walsh Hall, but two out of the four roommates are not coming back. Will those two spots be filled?**

It is possible that the two spaces may be filled and used. We will do our best to not do that, but may need to use all available spaces on campus.

**Would you please expand on the reasoning of not recognizing COVID test results as a valid indicator of a student's status and why the 14-day quarantine is required?**

New York state is requiring the 14-day quarantine for anyone coming to the state from a restricted state. It is not a Fordham policy.

**My son has an off-campus apartment. Does he need clearance every time he enters the campus?**

Everyone who is accessing campus will be enrolled in a screening program. More details will be sent in the coming week.

**My student is an RA with a kitchen in his dorm room and will not have a meal plan and will need to go to the grocery store to purchase food. What will he need to do to reenter campus?**

Your student can leave campus, but would need to present their daily health screening pass (via VitalCheck) each time they come back to the campus. More details about that process will be sent in the coming week.

**I have a question about the movers from the three companies that Fordham suggests to use, like Dorm2Dorm. Will they be able to get into the building to drop off the student's storage items in their rooms?**

We will be working with each company on bringing items back to campus, but making sure that it is safe for both the student and the staff from the company.

**What kind of questions will be asked on the VitalCheck?**

- Have you experienced new cough, fever, chills, loss of smell or taste, shortness of breath, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other symptoms that may be caused by a COVID-19 infection;
- have you tested positive for COVID-19 infection (not antibodies); have you traveled internationally, or to or from another state where rates of COVID-19 are increasing; and
- have you had close contact with someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19, or who has traveled recently?

**For those students who live off campus that become ill, will they be cared for and placed temporarily in on-campus housing until they get better?**

We will have severely limited capacity to provide this kind of accommodation.

**What does "clearance" mean?**

I think you are referring to VitalCheck clearance. All Fordham community members will be signed up for a program called VitalCheck, in which people are asked a series of questions to "clear" them for being on campus for the day (a digital pass is issued). If people are not cleared, they will be provided more information on next steps. I hope that helps.

**How do you define "leaving campus" for the LC students?**

Anyone who has to come back through an entrance where you need to show your ID card has "left campus." This does not apply to the separate scanners for residence hall entrances, unless people are coming from off campus.

**Our student needs a new I-20. Can you advise how we can get a response, please?**

Yes, the Office of International Services is available. Please email Sal Longarino directly at [longarino@fordham.edu](mailto:longarino@fordham.edu).

**Are there extra charges to quarantine on campus if we get COVID?**

No, residents will not incur extra charges if they get sick.

**Do commuter students have to be tested every time they come to campus?**

Not tested. Everyone entering campus must show compliance with the VitalCheck screening program on a daily basis, but that is not a test. More details about that program will be emailed to students soon.



**If we drive in and stay with family in New Jersey, how do we document quarantine?**

In cases in which quarantine is completed in a private home, the form we ask you to complete will ask that you provide basic information (e.g., names and addresses) and the dates for the quarantine period.

**If your child is already living in off campus housing near Fordham, will they receive a Fordham provided test?**

They would be considered to be coming from a non-restricted state (New York), but they will need to provide a negative PCR test result from 7 to 10 days prior to return. With the test result, they will have immediate access to campus. If they do not have a test ahead of time, they can receive a Fordham-provided test but would need to go back off campus after the test until the test result comes back negative.

**Should the quarantine period be completed before classes start or does it start once the student arrives in NYC from a restricted state?**

Students are advised to complete quarantine before the first day of classes and/or move-in.

**Who will be administering the tests at Fordham—on-campus personnel?**

Medical personnel.

**What happens if a student currently lives in a non-restricted state that then moves into restricted status before the second semester (and the student came home for Thanksgiving/winter break)?**

We will have to see what the New York state guidelines are in December and January. If they are the same as they are now, we will need to implement similar quarantine procedures.

**My Wisconsin student returned to his NYC near-campus apartment two weeks ago today. He was tested yesterday. Will he have to re-test prior to August 26?**

Yes, students will need a negative test result within 7 to 10 days of returning to campus.

**Will new student orientation still take place?**

Yes, New Student Orientation is still being planned and will include a mix of online and in-person events.

**What “counts” as quarantining? Can I stay with a friend in a non-restricted state or in an Airbnb with other students from hot-spot states?**

Yes. There are detailed guidelines on the [New York state website](#) about your behavior when quarantining, but the specific type of accommodation is flexible.

**What’s the turnaround time for the Fordham test results?**

The company we are partnering with is anticipating a turnaround time of 48 hours or less.

**Will there be a curfew on campus?**

At present, no.

**Will students be able to gather in person for clubs?**

Following social distancing and New York City guidelines, yes. Clubs will be encouraged to include virtual components as well.

**I’m a commuter student, and I have an in-person class 10 minutes before an online class. Is there any new space where I can attend my online class on campus when the library is crowded?**

Yes, additional spaces are being identified now by the Student Involvement areas on each campus and additional information regarding specific new locations should be available shortly.

**Will COVID testing be done somewhere other than the regular health center to keep regular health services separate?**

Yes. Separate areas are being set up on both the Lincoln Center and Rose Hill campuses.

**If a roommate tests positive, do I have to quarantine?**

Yes. If your roommate tests positive, you will have to quarantine.

**If a student who used on-campus storage over the summer is not able to/decides not to live on campus this semester, what will be done with their possessions?**

Your agreement is with the company. You should reach out to them directly.

**Our daughter is a rising junior and was told via email that all of her professors are moving to online. We have paid full tuition, including room and board. Now that she has learned all her classes will be online, she is opting to stay home this fall. How will payments be returned?**

Students who elect to study remotely for the fall semester will have their room and board charges removed in late September.

**Will sports teams be playing in the fall and winter?**

The Atlantic 10 recently announced postponements for fall sports. More information can be found on our [athletics website](#).

**When does the fall semester end?**

The last day of exams is December 18, although an individual student's schedule may differ slightly, and we are planning to close the campus at Thanksgiving.

**Can singing groups still sing with each other?**

Club events, rehearsals, and performances are currently still being planned to happen in person following social distance and New York City guidelines. Clubs are encouraged to also include a virtual component to the events as well. Additional information will be sent out shortly from the Student Involvement offices on each campus regarding specific guidelines.

**Will students be informed if they may have come in contact with someone who contracts COVID (e.g., classmates, roommates, etc.)?**

Yes. Anyone who meets the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and New York State Department of Health definitions of close and proximate contacts will be notified.

**If a student is quarantining off campus in a hotel and the option becomes available to quarantine on campus in the next couple of weeks, will we be allowed to transition into on campus quarantine?**

We will not be able to accommodate on-campus quarantine unless the state radically changes its guidelines.

**Will housing costs be refunded for the time between Thanksgiving and winter break?**

Yes, should days in University housing be limited by COVID-19-related restrictions, Fordham will issue pro rata refunds for the unused portion of room and board charges when the semester ends.

**If we have already received housing assignments for the 2020–2021 year, are those still guaranteed for the fall?**

Yes. We have not changed any housing assignments that students have been given already.

**Will cross-campus traveling be allowed for clubs, internships, etc.?**

Yes, travel between campuses is still possible, and the Ram Van will still be operating as well (with restricted capacity and a modified service schedule).

**Will students be required to wear masks?**

Yes, every person on Fordham property is required to wear an acceptable face covering in all common, public areas and while interacting with anyone else on Fordham property.

**If a student utilized a dorm moving company for move out/move in, will the movers be allowed on campus to drop their things back?**

We will be working with each company and sending more information to students that used companies.

Please let us know if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**Will residential students be in “forced” triples?**

No, the converted triples that are sometimes created for first-year students who have been guaranteed housing will not be necessary this year.

**If the student lives off campus, but will be returning prior to the first day of class as an orientation leader, should their test results be 10 days prior to the date they move into their apartment or 10 prior to the first day of class?**

Students should arrive to campus with a test no older than 10 days—so, when you come for orientation leader training.

**If a student chooses to remain in a restricted state until it comes off the New York restricted list, will he be able to move onto campus mid-semester and will housing be prorated?**

We will work with you on later move-in. Please contact your office of residential life for specifics on refunds:

[ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**Will there be a Family Weekend for parents this year?**

Plans are still underway for Family Weekend, and we’re currently planning for a mix of in-person and virtual components that follow New York City and social distancing guidelines.

**Could you please elaborate on community bathroom cleaning protocol—frequency, etc.?**

In residence halls, this will be done multiple times each day. All high-touch surfaces will be cleaned many times each day. This is the same for all academic buildings as well.

**What about dorm rooms with six or more students?**

We are working to help students, but apartments in New York are considered family units and we want each student to have conversations with their roommates about what is going on, expectations, etc. Please let us know if you have any other questions: [ResLifeRH@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeRH@fordham.edu) for Rose Hill or [ResLifeLC@fordham.edu](mailto:ResLifeLC@fordham.edu) for Lincoln Center.

**How are you going to keep students safe in the dorm room?**

We expect students to keep their space clean, talk with their roommates, follow policies set by Fordham, New York City, and New York state. Students need to be mindful that this is about the community, and we are working together to make sure we all stay safe.

**If one of my roommates is planning on going online and not living on campus, how will Fordham make the new random roommate follow COVID guidelines like the rest of my roommates are (who are friendly and have the same rules for ourselves)? How will you guarantee this random roommate will not be reckless?**

We hope that all students will be mindful of this and each student/roommate/apartment should have this conversation to discuss what is expected of reach roommate.

**How will quarantine work with the staggered move-in dates? Should students plan to quarantine before their move-in date, or should they request to move in on the 25th? (My move in date is August 16, and I live in Texas.)**

Students must quarantine in a non-quarantine state for 14 days before their arrival on campus. Contact the office with which you are arranging your early arrival for more information and specifics and watch for the quarantine email in the next day or so.

**Will we be able to set things up or just drop things off during the early drop off?**

We ask that students just drop things off and try and depart campus as soon as possible.

**Will students be allowed to hang out in their friend's dorm room if they are not roommates?**

We will allow visitation to rooms and other halls of residential students. We ask all students to be safe, follow the policies of Fordham, New York City, and New York state. Please let us know if you have any other questions:

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**Can students mail belongings to campus instead of dropping them off?**

Students who have their P.O. Box number can mail items to campus, and they would then be able to go and pick them up at the McGinley Center Post Office when they get to campus.

**Will door handles and the buildings be sanitized on a regular basis?**

All high-touch points will be cleaned and sanitized many times each day in every building.

**If I leave campus between two classes, do I need a second pass through VitalCheck before I reenter the campus?**

No, you will use the same one that day. VitalCheck will be required one time per day.

**Inter-residence hall visitation will be "limited." Can you please provide details? How many? How will one know if a spot is available to visit another dorm?**

The rules regarding visiting residence halls will be watched closely. We want to make sure that residents of the building are safe, and that those visiting are also safe. Each building will be a bit different, as each hall is a different size. This will be monitored by staff at each front desk of each residence hall. Residents should speak to the front desk staff before having their friends make their way to the building. Let us know if you have any other questions:

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**When and how will they know whether classes are hybrid or virtual? We haven't been seeing updates for classes, but this is important to know when deciding whether to come to campus or not.**

As Academic Records receives notification from deans that a course will moving online, we will update the student information system indicating the new mode of instructional delivery. This will automatically update students' schedules. The campus will appear as "V" for virtual. We are also providing a [list of online courses on this page of the website](#).