

### **COMMON AREAS & LOUNGES**

The common areas and lounges provide places for students to interact or study outside of their individual rooms. We still encourage students to use these spaces while adhering to COVID-19 guidelines.

#### **Maintain 6-foot physical distancing.**

- This is the most effective tool to minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- Physical distancing is required in all spaces when other individuals are present, including individual floor lounges.
- Furniture has been arranged and, in some instances, removed to support physical distancing. In some cases, not all furniture was able to be removed. Seating designed for multiple people (i.e. couches) are only permitted to be used by one person.
- Spaces have been designated a maximum capacity for people that can be in a space to adhere to physical distancing. Please be mindful of this number when using public spaces.

#### **Face coverings are required in indoor spaces including floor and hall events.**

- Face coverings must be worn in common areas when other people are present.
- Wings and lounges are considered common spaces and the use of face coverings is expected.
- We are all responsible for reminding our friends and neighbors that are not wearing face coverings to put them on. Please help keep our infection rates down by supporting face covering expectations!

#### **Bathroom Services**

The facilities/custodial staff are committed to providing a high standard of cleaning and sanitization for the residence hall common areas and bathroom facilities. COVID-19 has presented challenges and the custodial staff has received additional training, been provided with the right resources, and have adjusted their daily routines to meet these challenges. To minimize the spread of COVID-19, it is going to take cooperation by everyone.

Suite style bathrooms are cleaned once a week. Community style bathrooms are cleaned daily.

#### **Residence Hall Kitchenettes & Microwaves**

- Many of our spaces provide kitchenettes and microwaves, but not all of them do.
- Kitchenettes will be cleaned daily by BSTs with special attention paid to high touch areas.
- Each kitchenette may be used by one student at a time.
- Containers of disinfectant wipes will be provided in each kitchenette for students to sanitize hard surfaces before and after each use.
- At this time, cooking utensils will not be available for checkout.
- Students must wear face coverings when using kitchenettes.

#### **Laundry Rooms**

- Laundry rooms will be cleaned daily with special attention paid to high touch areas.
- Each laundry room will be designated a maximum person capacity.
- Students must wear face coverings when using laundry rooms.
- Do not leave personal belongings unattended in the laundry rooms.

### **STUDENTS TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 OR IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT**

Typically, the Department of Public Health will notify a student when they have either tested positive for COVID-19 or have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive. Students are expected to report this to the University. If you receive this call here is what you need to do:

- Listen to all the instructions you are provided and take notes for you to refer to later. If you tested positive, they will give you instructions to isolate and if you are a close contact, they will instruct you to quarantine.
- Report your status to the university by contacting the Student Health Director at [Debra.Haman@minotstateu.edu](mailto:Debra.Haman@minotstateu.edu) or the Vice-President of Student Affairs at [kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu](mailto:kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu)
- Students who test positive and need to isolate will do so outside of the hall. You will be emailed instructions on how to check into the Residence Hall identified for isolation.
- Students who are identified as close contacts will need to quarantine. You will be emailed instruction about the location and expectations of your quarantine from Student Health.

## **COMPLIANCE WITH PROTOCOLS**

Students, faculty and staff are responsible for protecting themselves and others from exposure to COVID-19. Our hope is that by understanding the university's goals and expectations, we will make positive choices and comply with the protocols.

There will be instances where we may forget, may be unaware, or may choose not to comply with protocols. In these instances, all of us have a responsibility to hold one another accountable and do so in a respectful manner. The Housing Staff, as representatives of the University, also have an obligation to inform students when they are not following protocols. Our approach will be to ask, encourage, and explain.

In the rare situations where students need extra attention, staff will be directed to document instances of repeated non-compliance or instances of blatant/disrespectful non-compliance. As part of the student complaint process, these incidents will be investigated and may result in a conduct process to determine if there has been a violation of the Code of Student Life. A common violation utilized in these instances will be Failure to Comply with University Officials or Law Enforcement.

If found in violation of a policy, students could be sanctioned with a written reprimand, warning probation or conduct probation depending on the severity of the violation. In addition, there may be educational components added to the sanction to better inform the student of the choice(s) that were made.

Stay Healthy My Friends.