



Covid 19 Housing Guidelines

In view of the global spread of the COVID-19 virus, our housing staff continues to follow the strict precautionary measures to keep all students and staff safe. The guidelines we will follow in our housing are below:

- All students will take off any footwear before entering housing.
- All students will be asked to wash their hands for 10-20 seconds immediately upon entering housing and before doing anything else.
- All students will be advised to wash their hands regularly and with antibacterial soap and water.
- Students will be advised of no hand shaking, but to use a fist or elbow bump
- Use only knuckles to touch light switches within the house
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all the homes and vehicles to use when they are unable to immediately wash their hands. We recommend all students carry their own hand sanitizers with them at all times so there is never a time they won't have the ability to sanitize their hands.
- Paper towels will be placed at all sink areas so that once the hands are dried the paper can be through away.
- All other towels will be laundered after each use.
- Students will be advised if possible, to cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue and discard it. Use their elbow but only if needed and then launder any clothing after wearing.
- Use of Clorox disinfecting wipes to wipe surfaces in between the bi-weekly cleaning will be available in all houses.
- House parents will have a meeting with all the students to discuss these procedures.
- All Smith Stearns Vehicles will be provided hand sanitizer within the car as well as being cleaned on a regular basis.
- We will have our houseparents and coaches follow these safe practices when traveling in the vans with our students as well and our vans will be cleaned regularly to try and prohibit any spread of virus during travel.
- A temperature check for a fever will be administered upon arrival at the academy and random checks will be given throughout a student's stay.

We continue to monitor the COVID- 19 virus and will keep you updated with any additional information as it arises.