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Dear MCU Family,

As shared at Start Up, we currently have a limited number of students living at the Villas. I want to provide some additional information and a copy of the protocols so that you are aware of current housing operations, should students share any questions or concerns.

The county has restricted our ability to house students with the exception of students who have nowhere else to go. When the level of community transmission of COVID-19 decreases in Los Angeles County, restrictions will be relaxed. We look forward to welcoming additional students at that point. Because we take the health and safety of our community seriously and because the transmission of COVID-19 remains high among young adults, the protocols put in place include limitations on movement—we want to be sure the community remains safe for the students and staff who live there. **We must be absolute with our compliance to avoid going down the path of other universities nationwide that have experienced outbreaks for not doing so.** Students were tested at move-in last week. Currently, there are no reported cases of COVID-19 at the Villas. Below are the current protocols.

Please note any campus employee accessing the Villas is required to complete symptoms self-monitoring and complete the [tracking log](#) (as you do when accessing the Oceanview campus). Should you or students have questions, do not hesitate to refer them to Chad Fehr, dean of the residential campus, or to me.

#### **Updated Villas Protocols (8/25/2020)**

Prior to moving into the Villas last week, all students needed to do the following:

- Provide reasonable proof they have no other housing options if not living at the Villas.
- Have all vaccine records turned in to the Student Wellness Center.
- Update their insurance information with the Student Wellness Center.

**Students failing to complete any of the above tasks were told they were not going to be permitted to move into the Villas. Further, students must abide by the following provisions. Failure to do so may result in removal from the Villas.**

Move-in Day:

- **After residents received their keys, they were on quarantine within their house until the test results were returned** to the school and they were cleared. At that point, residents were free to move about the community.
- **If a student did not move in on August 20, he/she must go to a local COVID-19 testing site and get tested on the day of desired move-in and provide documentation to the Residential Life staff—confirming testing that day—prior to being allowed to move onto campus.** Those students will then be placed in a temporary placement unit until their results are returned to the school that provide a negative result.
- **Students were not allowed to have any outside assistance with moving onto the property.** Students with a documented disability that would have prevented them from physically moving

onto campus by themselves were directed to contact the Office of Residential Life at least two business days prior to move-in to make arrangements.

Additional policies while living at the Villas:

- Face coverings must be in residents' possession any time they are not within their Villa and must be worn any time they will be within six feet of another person.
- Residents are not allowed to enter any other resident's Villa for any reason.
- There are no guests allowed at the Villas, including but not limited to family members, other MCU students, friends and significant others.
- All food deliveries must be picked up at the entrance to the Villas.
- Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate and follow the county's public health and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on [isolation](#). Anyone who lives with this student or who was in close contact must also [quarantine](#) for the recommended period of time. Learn more here: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/HomeisolationenCoV.pdf>.
- Students are required to follow county protocols, including social/physical distancing of six feet, avoiding crowds, washing your hands, avoiding touching your face and wearing a face covering. For more information, visit: <http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/protection/ReduceRiskInfographic.pdf>.
- **Residents must greatly reduce their community exposure.** However, they are allowed to leave the Villas for the following reasons:
  - **Employment** – Work schedules must be provided to the Office of Residential Life. If a work schedule changes, Residential Life must be notified prior to the first shift of the new schedule.
  - **Athletic practices** – MCU student athletes may attend MCU Athletics practices or competitions.
  - **Medical** – Residents may leave for medical emergencies or medical appointments.
  - **Food/toiletries** – Residents may leave to go grocery shopping or to pick up food from a restaurant if it is not possible or prohibitive for deliveries at the front gate.
  - **MCU events** – Residents may leave to attend MCU-sponsored events or authorized church services.
  - **After all of the above allowances are completed, residents must return to campus immediately and not congregate off campus.**
- No resident can be off the Villas property after 8 PM without written approval from the Dean of Residential Campus.
- Residents are required to have a weekly virtual check-in with an assigned staff member. This meeting will be scheduled for the same time each week, and the resident must have a camera on during the entire meeting. Meetings will typically take between 10-20 minutes.
- Violation of any of these policies will result in disciplinary action and potential removal from the Villas.
- All residents are highly recommended to get a flu shot from a medical provider or a pharmacy.

Stay well.

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