

Subject: UWSP Housing: Preparing for a Safe Arrival - COVID Updates
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From: Residential Living
To: All 2022-23 Campus Residents

Students, Families, & Friends,

As we prepare for your arrival for the fall semester, UW-Stevens Point Housing continues to work closely with campus, local, and state health officials to help keep our campus community safe and healthy.

Here are a few items to note as you plan for the upcoming semester:

Planning is essential. We encourage students and families to discuss their plans in the event of a positive COVID-19 test or exposure. We recommend an open discussion with roommates regarding each other's plans before or upon arrival to campus.

Face coverings are beneficial, but not required. Masks continue to be a good tool for protecting ourselves and others, and the CDC advises everyone wear masks for 10 days after a positive test or after exposure.

We encourage you to take a COVID-19 test before arriving. While there is no requirement to test upon move-in, we encourage you to consider doing so before heading to campus. If you test positive, you need to isolate AND have at least 24 hours without fever before your arrival.

On-campus testing and at-home antigen test kits are available. These tests are available at no charge for all students. Testing will be available by appointment at Student Health Service.

COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are highly recommended. Getting fully vaccinated is an integral part of personal health protection from COVID-19 related illness. Vaccinations will be available by appointment at Student Health Service. If students have been vaccinated, please upload your vaccination status at <https://www3.uwsp.edu/coronavirus/Pages/Get-Vaccinated.aspx>

We have medical services available. In-person and tele-health appointments with Student Health Service medical providers are available for students. More information can be found at

The COVID-19 pandemic has required each one of us to adapt and change our lives to protect our own health and the safety of friends, family, fellow students and employees at UW-Stevens Point. Our campus success these past two years has been a result of the continued partnership with our students who observe guidelines, follow recommended health practices, and practice responsible behavior.

UW-Stevens Point will not require students to isolate or quarantine in another residence hall if they test positive or are a close contact of someone who has COVID-19. Students who test positive for COVID-19 may isolate in their rooms, return home, or go to another off-campus location during this period.

CDC guidelines call for isolating at least 5 days, longer if symptoms continue; and to wear a protective, well-fitting face covering for another 5 days. If isolating in the residence hall, roommates should wear face coverings during this period. While not required, face coverings are strongly encouraged in indoor settings on campus. Vaccines are also encouraged. More information from the CDC on isolation/quarantine periods can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>

UW-Stevens Point administration will continue to monitor local transmission rates and other indicators and to follow recommendations from health officials to be prepared to modify our COVID-19 protocol as the situation dictates.

Thank you for your support and flexibility as we safely proceed together toward another exciting semester at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Sincerely,
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