

Residential Rules

Covid- 19: Housing considerations for Boston University students on Clinical Rotations (subject to updates)

- Students may be required to leave shared housing if symptomatic, positive for COVID or suspected COVID positive.
- Students will follow BU Student health policies at all housing provided through Boston University.
- Students recognize that there is exposure risk inherent to shared Housing

Considerations for common spaces

- Maintain social (physical) distance between everyone in common spaces of the facility. Wear mask when appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained
- Arrange seating of chairs and tables to be least 6 feet (2 meters) apart during shared meals or other events.
- Please keep 6 feet from others in shared spaces such as laundry room, TV or living rooms, Laundry Room and other shared spaces
- Encourage air flow from an air conditioner or an opened window when feasible and safe.

Shared kitchens and dining rooms

- Please restrict the number of people in the kitchen and dining room at one time so that everyone can stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) apart from one another.
- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, or eating utensils. Non-disposable food service items used should be handled with gloves and washed with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher. Wash hands after handling used food service items.

Shared bathrooms

- Shared bathrooms should be cleaned regularly and after every time of use
- Make sure trash cans are emptied regularly
- Avoid placing toothbrushes directly on counter surfaces. Totes could also be used for personal items to limit their contact with other surfaces in the bathroom.

Policies on Alcohol & Illegal Substances

The policies of the University prohibit the unlawful use, possession, sale, distribution, or manufacture of controlled substances or alcohol on University property or as part of University activities.

The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages should not be part of an activity that is in violation of a University policy, as stated in the Code of Student Responsibilities and the Residence License Agreement, and such beverages are not to be consumed in any restricted area, such as hallways, lobbies, and common areas.

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Smoking

No smoking in University residences. Additionally, any device such as hookah pipes, shisha pipes, bong, roach clips, e-cigarettes or any type of water pipe, or any object filled with water through which smoke is drawn is also prohibited.

Resident Conduct

On University residences, you are not permitted to have Dogs and other pets (such as a fish, bird, white laboratory rat), with the exception of trained guide dogs for the blind and deaf, which require the prior permission from Housing. Students who bring pets or animals into the residences are subject to disciplinary action.

Firearms, explosives, fireworks, chemicals, projectile devices, and other dangerous substances, articles, and weapons are strictly prohibited in and around University residences and elsewhere on campus.

Weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited in residences. Included in this category are studded wrist bands, nunchakus, all firearms, mace, pepper spray, replica weapons, paintball guns, and blades.

Noise Policy/Quiet Hours

An atmosphere conducive to study and sleep is necessary in the residences. The general expectation is that the residences will be quiet at all times. Noise is a very serious problem in an academic environment, and residents who are careless in their responsibility toward others will be dealt with appropriately. A particular problem is stereos played at loud volume. Students who bring stereos must also bring headphones.

Speakers may not exceed twelve inches by twenty inches. Under no circumstances may speakers be placed and played in windows or halls of residences. Students disturbing others will be subject to disciplinary actions, including, but not limited to, expulsion from the residential system. In addition, sound reproduction equipment utilized in a manner that disturbs others is subject to immediate impoundment, pending its removal from campus by its owner.

Hall Sports/Sports and Recreational Equipment

The use of sports and recreational equipment (such as Frisbees, balls, Rollerblades, skateboards, hockey sticks, and the like) is not permitted in University residences.

Respecting the Privacy of Others

Videotaping or photographing students in the residences without their permission is prohibited. In addition, unauthorized or inappropriate use of such photographs or videotapes of other students is prohibited.

Candles and Incense

Due to potential fire hazards, open flames, candles, and incense (including unlit candles and incense) are not permitted in any residence. The use of non-electrical items/appliances is also not permitted in the residences.

If an Alarm Sounds

All residents are required to evacuate the building immediately when a fire alarm sounds.

Guest Policy

No guests are permitted

Boston University has set up a COVID-19 hotline for students, faculty, staff, and visiting scholars; please call 617-358-4990, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

We recommend that you seek further guidance from the resources posted on the BU COVID-19 Information website <https://www.bu.edu/covid-19-information/>