

Dear Students:

The Residence Life staff are excited to welcome you to campus in the fall! As we work to finalize our housing plans for the coming year, we are contacting you so that we can factor your most current preferences into our housing assignment process.

Please complete the short questionnaire at the end of this email to update your preferences for on-campus living. This email also provides additional information about what you can expect while living on campus this fall. **We understand you may still be unsure of your plans, but your input is critical to help us plan and meet the needs of our students and families, so please take a few minutes to complete this nonbinding questionnaire.**

We also understand that as you make decisions for the fall semester, it is important to have flexibility. As a result, **the College is relaxing its on-campus living requirement for the 2020-2021 academic year, giving all students (including freshmen and sophomores) the ability to live off campus**, which you can indicate on the questionnaire.

**Our primary focus is always on keeping our students, faculty, and staff safe.** In these unusual times, ensuring your safety requires a very different set of expectations than what you would normally experience while living on campus at Meredith.

Please know these expectations are designed to keep you and the community safe, therefore **they are not optional. Everyone who lives on campus will be expected to adhere to all expectations.**

### **Residence Life Expectations for the Residence Halls and Oaks Apartments**

While living on campus this fall, you and your classmates will be expected to do the following:

- Follow all campus and community standards and requirements.
- Get a flu shot unless an exemption is already on file with the college. (On-campus flu clinic available during fall semester.)
- Observe limited occupancies in common spaces in the residence halls.
- Limit of one guest per resident per visit in a resident's room; note that the visitor can only be another Meredith resident. Overnight stays are not permitted until further notice; off-campus guests are not permitted in the residence halls or Oaks apartments.
- Limit your interactions off campus unless for work or essential business. Then follow CDC and other guidance for wearing face coverings and physical distancing, along with frequent hand washing.

- Limit off campus travel.
- Be aware that if you are symptomatic or knowingly come into contact with an individual who is COVID positive, you will be relocated temporarily to an isolation space.
- Understand that you could be relocated in order to clean, disinfect, or otherwise treat an area in which you live.
- Some residence hall floors may be used for isolation/quarantine; residents will be made aware of which areas are set aside for this purpose. These rooms will be furnished as a hospital room would be with linens, soap, tissues, and towels.
- Room changes may be restricted for safety precautions.
- Contract tracers will notify students if they need to be tested.

### [Fall 2020 Housing Preference Questionnaire](#)

Meredith College is known for our strong, supportive community, and now, more than ever, we must work together with a common goal of protecting our health. Everything you do, both on and off campus, can affect your health and our campus safety. That said, we also realize that our small class sizes, our park-like location with plenty of outdoor space, and these housing options may allow you to have the college experience you want while being safe.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire and for paying close attention to the expectations listed above. I look forward to welcoming you to campus and am confident that you will have a great experience living and learning at Meredith.

- [Housing Contract](#)
- [Oaks Contract](#)

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