

**Newman Hall**  
**COVID-19 Related Policies and Procedures**  
**2020-2021**

**Quarantine & Isolation**

Per University of Illinois and CUPHD requirements:

- Residents who receive either a positive test result for COVID-19 or receive notice that they have been exposed to COVID-19 must inform Newman Hall immediately upon such notice so that Newman Hall staff can take immediate steps to properly disinfect and sanitize Newman Hall for the health and safety of residents, and to arrange for proper isolation or quarantine space that meets CUPHD guidelines for such spaces.
- Residents who receive a confirmed positive test for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for 10 days or until such time as CUPHD informs them of their release from quarantine. This timeframe is mandated by CUPHD and the University of Illinois and can not be altered by Newman Hall.
  - Roommates, suitemates, and/or residents sharing an adjoining North Private Single bathroom of residents who receive confirmed positive test for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 14 days. This timeframe is mandated by CUPHD and the University of Illinois and can not be altered by Newman Hall.
- Residents who are informed by the University of Illinois or other public health entities that they have been exposed to someone else who has received a positive test for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 14 days. This timeframe is mandated by CUPHD and the University of Illinois and can not be altered by Newman Hall.
  - Roommates, suitemates, and/or residents sharing an adjoining North Private Single bathroom of residents who receive notification that they may have been exposed to someone else who has received a positive test for COVID-19 will not be required to quarantine.
- The University of Illinois recommendation is for students who need to isolate or quarantine to return to their permanent home whenever possible.
- Newman Hall has limited isolation and quarantine space available on-site for Newman Hall residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Newman Hall isolation and quarantine space meets all CUPHD guidelines for such housing.
  - Depending on individual circumstance, in some cases residents of Newman Hall North will be able to quarantine in their own room/suites. Residents of Newman Hall South will not be able to quarantine/isolate in their own room/suite because of the use of communal bathroom facilities.
- Residents who are placed in in-house isolation/quarantine spaces may not leave the isolation/quarantine space and enter any other area of Newman Hall until such time as they have been released from quarantine/isolation by CUPHD. Failure to abide by isolation/quarantine restrictions within Newman Hall will result in immediate removal from the facility and immediate contract cancellation with no refund and immediate

referral to the University for disciplinary action including possible suspension or expulsion from the University.

- Residents placed in isolation/quarantine spaces may not have any visitors. Failure to abide by isolation/quarantine restrictions within Newman Hall will result in immediate removal from the facility and immediate contract cancellation with no refund and immediate referral to the University for disciplinary action including possible suspension or expulsion from the University.
- Newman Hall residents who enter or visit any occupied isolation or quarantine space will face disciplinary action up to and including immediate removal from the facility and immediate contract cancellation with no refund and immediate referral to the University for disciplinary action including possible suspension or expulsion from the University.
  - In addition, Newman Hall residents who have any contact with any person known to them to have received a positive COVID result or to have been placed under quarantine because of exposure to a positive COVID result will be referred to the University for disciplinary action.
- Additional off-site quarantine space will be contracted as need arises. Newman Hall will pay for 50% of the cost for off-site isolation/quarantine space for residents who are not able to return to their permanent home; residents will be responsible for the remaining 50% cost of off-site isolation/quarantine space.
  - Residents who are in quarantine or isolation in in-house or in contracted off-site facilities will receive meal deliveries from Newman Hall during the time that they are in quarantine/isolation.
- Residents who are informed by public health entities of their need to isolate or quarantine are required to inform Newman Hall immediately so that steps can be taken to provide additional cleaning and disinfecting.
  - McKinley Health Center, CUPHD, or OSF will contact and inform residents who test positive or who via contact tracing have been identified as having been exposed to someone who has tested positive. Newman Hall is prohibited by HIPAA regulations from providing names and specific information about positive results or exposure.
  - Newman Hall is prohibited by HIPAA regulations from providing communication and information to Newman Hall residents or parents about specific instances of positive cases or exposure.
    - University and public health entities will inform residents who have tested positive or who via contact tracing have been determined to have been exposed.

### **Visitors at Newman Hall**

- Overnight guests are prohibited at any time during the academic year 2020-2021.
- Outside visitors (non-Newman Hall residents) are not allowed at Newman Hall at this time.

- Newman Hall residents may visit other Newman Hall resident rooms. Room occupancy limits as listed below must be observed. Visitation is at the discretion of room occupants, and must be a unanimous agreement among all roommates/suitemates whether to permit guests in the room.
  - Room occupancy limits:
    - North Single/Double Suites: 6 people per suite
    - South Double Rooms: 3 people per room
    - South Triple Rooms: 4 people per room
    - South Quad: 6 people per room
    - North Private Single/South Single: 3 people per room

### **Use of Masks within Newman Hall**

- In accordance with CDC, CUPHD, and University regulations, masks covering nose and mouth must be worn in public and common areas of Newman Hall and St. John's Catholic Newman Center when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Masks are not required to be worn while consuming food/beverage at tables in the Dining Room, in resident rooms including common living suite areas (though residents are free to establish their own room/suite rules in consultation with their room-/suitemates), or when conducting personal hygiene tasks in south side communal bathrooms.

### **Use of Facilities & Amenities at Newman Hall**

- Public lounges are open for Newman Hall resident use. Room occupancy limits and social distancing guidelines must be observed, and masks must be worn when using lounges and public spaces at Newman Hall.
- The Student Kitchen will remain open for Newman Hall resident use only.
  - The resident making a reservation for the Student Kitchen will be responsible for ensuring proper use including following capacity limitations and sanitation after use.
- Newman Hall is still determining the sanitation process and space reservation protocol for use of the Fitness Center. More information will be provided as soon as possible about the use of the Newman Hall Fitness Center.
- Sani-stations will be available in each lounge, meeting room, and public space.
  - Residents should make use of the Sani-station to sanitize areas they occupy before and after use of the room.
  - Newman Hall staff will provide professional sanitation of lounges and public spaces regularly throughout the day.

### **Sanitation of Public/Communal Spaces**

- Newman Hall will provide hand sanitizer at building and residential wing entrances/exits as well as throughout the Dining area and in other public spaces.
- Sanitization Stations will be placed in all lounges, meeting rooms, and public areas for residents to use before and after they make use of the facilities.

- Newman Hall staff will conduct frequent disinfecting public areas and high-touch surfaces including doors, elevators, laundry facilities, stairwells, etc.
- Newman Hall will provide daily disinfecting of surfaces in the building using hospital-grade electrostatic disinfecting equipment.
- Nu-Calgon Bi-Polar Ionization Air Purifiers have been installed in the main air handling systems servicing public areas in Newman Hall, as well as in the outside air handlers servicing resident rooms. These systems disinfect germicidal particles in the building air system as it circulates through the air handlers.
- Hands-free toe- and elbow- door pulls installed on doors into each wing, for a touch-free way to enter the wings.
- Touch-free faucets have been installed in all public and communal (south-side) bathroom sinks

### **Dining at Newman Hall**

- The Dining Room at Newman Hall will offer a mix of in-person dining options and grab & go options.
- Masks are required to be worn while in the serving area of the Dining Room and at tables while not eating or drinking, including when studying or socializing.
- Distancing measures should be followed while in the serving area of the Dining Room, maintaining 6 feet distance between others in the serving area.
- Seating will be available in the Newman Hall Dining Room according to CDC and CUPHD guidelines regarding proper distancing measures.
- Dining Room seating will be pre-arranged; tables and chairs may not be moved.
- To provide the maximum amount of in-person dining options, additional seating is being added to the Elson Private Dining Room, Sun Room, Newman Club, and Newman Café, as well as in the north courtyard, 2North Terrace, and along Sixth St.
- Seating in the dining room will be reserved for Newman Hall residents and staff only.
  - No public dining will be available and outside guests may not use Dining Room seating areas during meal service hours.
- In accordance with CDC and CUPHD guidelines, residents may dine at tables with roommates, suitemates, or close floormates. In the case of residents for whom dining with roommates/suitemates is not feasible (e.g., residents of single rooms, residents with differing schedules from their roommates/suitemates), residents may choose a dining buddy to eat meals with. Dining buddies should be persons with whom each resident is already spending time, and limited in number.
- Dining service hours will be extended to provide Newman residents ample opportunities to enjoy meals given the additional distancing and capacity constraints.