

Date: Sept. 15, 2020

From: Yeshiva University Housing

Dear [Student],

We hope that the start of the semester is going smoothly for you and that you are counting down the few short weeks left until we can welcome you, in person, back to campus. The following outlines important details to help you plan and acclimate to a new set of protocols related to on-campus housing.

Residence Hall Move-In will look very different this year compared to years' past. In light of [New York State's Travel Advisory](#), students arriving to campus from a state that is on the list of restricted states will be required to complete a precautionary quarantine before they can move onto campus. Additionally, based on the recommendation of our Medical Director, any student arriving to campus from an international location will also be expected to complete a precautionary quarantine.

Even if you live in a place that is not included in the current travel advisory, if you have traveled to and spent more than 24 hours in an area that appears on New York State's Travel Advisory within 14 days of your arrival to campus, you are also expected to complete a precautionary quarantine upon your return home. We are using home addresses as they appear on student records to determine who is required to complete the precautionary quarantine - if your home address is not accurate, please be in touch with the Office of the Registrar as soon as possible to have it updated and email us in housing so we can prepare accordingly.

Per New York State's guidelines, each individual or family unit who are expected to complete a precautionary quarantine should be in their own room with their own bathroom. As a result, we have determined that the safest option to comply with this guidance is to quarantine any student who is unable to make alternative arrangements for themselves in a hotel in midtown Manhattan near Beren Campus. More information about the precautionary quarantine can be found further down in this communication.

We are currently planning for students to move into the residence halls in two phases. Students who are not expected to complete the precautionary quarantine will begin move-in on October 12th (more details below). There will be a second move-in to the dorm starting on October 27th, for students who have completed their quarantine.

Move-in Appointments

Move-in will be conducted by appointment only. Prior to booking an appointment to move into the residence halls, students who have not already done so will be required to complete the Quarantine Survey on the [Housing Portal](#). Afterwards, students should then complete the Fall 2020 Check-In form, found in the same portal, to sign up for a move-in time slot. This check-in form will go live on September 16 for students whose home address is in a state other than New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut and who do not need to quarantine based on New York State's then-current requirements and our protocols. The form will go live on September 21 for all other students. If you

have already booked a flight or made other arrangements, be sure to choose an appointment that will allow you time to get to campus.

To ensure that move-in is smooth for everyone, all students should arrive promptly at the beginning of their selected appointment window. Please remember, you should bring only belongings that can fit into one large moving cart (approximately 2 suitcases, plus a small fridge). You may also have one other person assisting you with moving in.

As a reminder, students who have outstanding balances or who have not set-up a payment plan or made other financial arrangements will be unable to move into housing (or participate in the school's quarantine program). Please reach out to the Office of Student Finance to discuss payment options/arrangements.

Shabbat of October 16-17

If you are locally-based and do not plan to stay on campus for that Shabbat, we ask that you book your move-in appointment towards the end of the week, preferably not before Saturday night, October 17, or Sunday, October 18, to best accommodate those students who want to be on campus that weekend.

In general, and throughout the rest of the semester, students should limit their coming and going as much as possible. While you are free to leave campus for Shabbat or otherwise, please consider the safety of doing so and consider staying on campus as much as possible.

Precautionary Quarantine

We are constantly monitoring New York State's Travel Advisory regarding travel from certain states and its impact on our students who are traveling from out-of-state and international locations. Out-of-state and international students will have two options - either find your own quarantine accommodations for 14 days in the Tri-State area, or participate in the YU quarantine program. (Note that if you live in the Tri-State area and travel out-of-state prior to coming to campus, you will not be permitted on campus until you have completed any required quarantine at home.)

All students who will be in University housing this semester must complete the Quarantine Survey on the Yeshiva University Housing Portal if they have not already done so. Once this survey is complete, the Fall 2020 Check-In form will unlock for you, based on the above dates. If your circumstances change, please update the form as soon as possible so we have an accurate list of who is anticipating a need to quarantine with the University and can plan accordingly. Please complete your quarantine information by September 22 so that we can plan accordingly to ensure all students are taken care of.

YU Quarantine Program

We want to welcome students traveling from out-of-state and international locations in a way that complies with applicable laws and our internal guidelines, yet also creates a positive and safe

environment for the 14 days of required quarantine. We will be following the state and city guidelines, along with our Medical Director's guidance, for quarantine.

Per New York State's guidelines, each individual or family unit who are expected to complete a precautionary quarantine should be in their own room with their own bathroom. In order to do this as safely as possible, we have decided to quarantine our students off-site at a midtown hotel, near the Beren campus. This arrangement will allow each student to have their own room and bathroom. YU will cover the cost of the hotel rooms (but the student will be responsible for any extra charges, , as well as any damage they may cause to the hotel). Students will be provided choices for three meals per day, as well as Shabbat. Meals will be subsidized by the University. Each student will be charged a flat rate of \$20 per day to their meal plan, totaling \$280.

All students who need to be in precautionary quarantine and are unable to make alternative arrangements should plan on arriving at the hotel between October 12 and October 14, and will be given a room to stay in for 14 days. If a student is unable to arrive by October 14, they should make alternative arrangements to quarantine off-campus. As required by law, students will not be allowed to leave their hotel rooms except for medical attention as described below, but our YU quarantine coordinators will check in with students to ensure they are taken care of. Daily health screenings will be done - including temperature checks and symptom-monitoring. We are also exploring on-site COVID-19 testing (but, per the law, a negative test will not shorten the 14-day quarantine period).

We recognize this will be a challenging time, and are planning online programs for our students in quarantine. In addition to the daily check-ins mentioned above, we expect to provide additional counseling support, and host various programs for the students throughout the 14-day quarantine period. Unfortunately, no guests will be allowed to visit the students. Our staff, rebbeim and faculty will also check-in with students throughout the quarantine period to offer support, provide inspirational programming, etc.

During quarantine, students will only be permitted to leave their room to seek medical attention. They must first notify the YU quarantine coordinators of their intention to do so. This includes COVID-19 testing if they begin to be symptomatic. Students who leave their room for any reason other than to seek medical attention will be removed from the program and responsible for all incurred hotel fees. They will have to find their own accommodations to finish their quarantine. Additionally, they will also be placed on residential probation, and if they subsequently violate COVID-19 policies once they transition to on-campus housing, they will be removed from housing altogether, without any refund of housing and meal plan fees. The safety of our campus community is paramount to the success of opening for students, and all students choosing to be on campus are expected to abide by the policies and procedures in place regarding COVID-19. Additional policy information will be shared with each student upon check-in.

We will be sending additional logistical information about scheduling the hotel check-in and further updates on programming students will be able to participate in during quarantine closer to October 12. We will also provide students with transportation from the hotel to the dorms at the end of the quarantine, beginning October 27.

It is important that you update the Quarantine Survey on the Yeshiva University Housing Portal by September 22 to notify us if you will be planning to quarantine with YU or if you are planning to quarantine elsewhere. We may not be able to guarantee a spot in the hotel for those students who do not notify us of the need to participate in YU's hotel quarantine by September 22. They may need to make alternate arrangements.

For questions regarding the Quarantine Program, please contact answers@yu.edu.

Withdrawing and Refund Policy

If you decide that you will not be returning this semester to University housing, the following is our refund policy. To submit a request to withdraw, please log into the [Yeshiva University Housing Portal](#) and complete the Cancellation & Withdrawal Request Form.

- Any student who chooses to withdraw from University Housing by 11:59 PM EDT on October 11, 2020 is entitled to a full refund of their housing and meal plan fees.
- If you choose to withdraw from housing on or after October 12, you will be refunded:
 - 75% if you withdraw before October 19,
 - 50% if you withdraw before October 26
 - 25% if you withdraw before November 2

Additionally, if you withdraw from housing for the Fall semester, you will need to reapply for housing for the Spring semester. We anticipate being able to open the Housing Application for Spring 2021 in late November/early December for students who wish to apply.

Finally, please be mindful that due to the changing nature of regulations and medical recommendations, these plans may be modified between now and our scheduled move-in dates. We will, of course, keep you updated of any changes.

While we anticipate that this semester will be like no other, we look forward to working together for a healthy, safe, and enriching experience on campus. If you have any additional questions, please contact your Housing Office:

- Beren Housing: berenhousing@yu.edu
- Wilf Housing: wilfhousing@yu.edu