Dear,

As promised, here is the latest update related to residential housing at CSULB. We continue to work with the Department of Public Health and our Chancellor's Office to figure out how best to serve students who need on campus housing.

Housing Capacity (Action Requested) -- We are likely to be only able to put one student in a room which dramatically reduces our housing capacity (taking us to about 40% of our regular number of students). For this reason, we will be prioritizing who can live with us based first upon need and then upon application date. We know that decisions are still being made by you and your family; if you are certain of your plans, we ask that you notify us via the Housing Portal. If students wish to cancel their housing and receive the service fee refund, then this will serve as notification to our office to process that cancellation. We will leave this open for students to share with us their decision at this time. Once the in-person class list is publicized, we will set a deadline for completion soon thereafter. If you know *now* what you want to do, please notify us through this tool. Every bit of information assists us in our planning.

Spring 2021 – There has been no decision about classes for Spring Semester 2021. If you are not going to live with us in the Fall but think you may want to live with us in the Spring, please indicate in the survey that you want to cancel your Academic Year application. We will continue to communicate with you to notify you when the "Spring Only" applications become available. At this time, Spring Applications are slated to open late October or early November. Of course, we will need to wait to see how COVID-19 is playing out and what guidance we receive from state and local officials before posting that application.

Fall Environment-- For those of you who are considering living with us in the Fall, please know that the experience is likely to be very different than our traditional residential hall experience. Of course, there will be far fewer students in each hall. We are working on the appropriate policies, but it is likely that:

- Students will be required to wear face coverings in all public areas and to physically distance from each other.
- Lounges may be closed.
- Dining halls may only be open for students to pick up their food.
- No outside guests will be permitted to enter the halls.
- Shared restrooms will be limited to one student at a time.

These are just a few of the potential policy changes. Again, all of our plans and policies will be reviewed by the Department of Public Health and the Chancellor's Office. We will still have support systems for students who live with us including hall staff, opportunities to engage with each other (virtually or at a safe distance), and other options.

Residence Hall Viral Transmission Mitigation Measures -- Housing staff will be taking several measures to help mitigate the possibility of transmission within our halls. Some of those measures include:

- Restrooms will be cleaned twice daily by custodians.
- Restrooms will have disinfectant spray and paper towels for students to wipe surfaces before and after usage (HRL will provide).
- All door levers and high-touch area (shared furniture) will be wiped down daily.

Thank you for your patience. We plan to send out information as we receive it to assist you in making the best decision for you and your family.

Be Well,

Housing and Residential Life California State University Long Beach

Reminder: the form/survey to notify us what your plans are is found on the Housing Portal through your application. The page to find is called Covid19 Housing Intention Survey.

This is an automated message, if you have questions email or call the housing office at 562.985.4187