

Fall 2020 Returning Residential Student Arrival Information

Here's what we know now. Planning for your arrival will continue all summer.

How has returning to campus this year changed?

When returning to campus and moving in, it will be important to practice physical distancing. To facilitate this, we will utilize a new drive through check in process, extend move in dates and times, and offer a new July Drop-Off option. Please remember to practice social distancing, bring and wear your face covering, and to practice hand washing and sanitizing.

When will I be moving back to campus?

The following dates outline how students will return over the two week period before classes begin. More specific dates and times may be assigned to you. Please continue to check your email for additional information or assigned move in dates and times. Email will be our main communication method of this information to you.

- **Community Advisor and Chapter Assistant Staff will return August 4.**
- **Sorority Women will return August 7-9.** More information regarding your specific move-in date and time will be assigned to you through your Chapter.
- **Orientation Leaders, Peer Educators, and Peer Players will return August 7-9.** More information regarding specific move-in dates and times will be assigned to you through your organization leader or the Office of Residential Life.
- **Fraternity Men will return August 9-10.** More information regarding your specific move-in date and time will be assigned to you through your Chapter.
- **Fall Athletes are returning August 11-12.** More information regarding your specific move-in date and time will be assigned to you through the Office of Residential Life.
- **All other returning students will return August 14 (late afternoon)-August 16.** More information regarding your specific move-in date and time will be assigned to you through the Office of Residential Life.

What is the Drive-Through Check-In Process?

Specific steps to the process are evolving, but please anticipate the following:

- Safety Officers or William Woods staff directing you to a central tent or location when you arrive on campus.
- At this tent/location, you'll check in with a Student Life staff member who will provide you with door code and Community Advisor/Chapter Assistant information. Please do not go directly to your residence hall.
- You will remain in the vehicle at all times, until you arrive at your hall.
- Upon arrival at your hall, you may check in with the Community Advisor or Chapter Assistant, who will unlock your room door.
- **On your August Move-In Day, you will only be allowed one guest besides yourself and one vehicle besides your own.** Again, limiting the number of people on campus allows us to increase physical distancing abilities. We encourage returning students to take advantage of the July Drop-Off week, which allows each student two guests to help them move.
- UHauls and other oversized vehicles are not permitted during move-in.

As we further develop this process, we will send additional information. Please continue to check your email daily.

What is the new July Drop Off?

The purpose of the new July Drop-Off is to allow you to “drop-off” your personal items prior to your August return to campus. A few things you should know about the new July Drop-Off:

- **We will schedule students in two-hour increments to move their items into the room. There will be a limited number of students moving into each hall at any given time.** This will allow better physical distancing. However we still recommend you use a face covering during your move-in.
- **You can bring up to two people with you to assist with move in.** Since we have an entire week to schedule move-ins, it allows us fewer students moving items into a hall at a time. This means we can still physically distance if you bring two guests.
- **It allows you to check into your room, complete your room condition report, and leave with your room key.** This means less things to do on an already busy August move day.

When is the July Drop-Off?

Monday, July 27-Friday July 31, 2020

Do I have to register for the July Drop-Off?

Yes! We'll schedule students in two hour time slots all week. **Requests for drop-off times will be approved on a first come, first serve basis. We will send the official sign-up form via email and Today's Rumors the week of July 13.** Please arrive during your allotted time. If you miss your two-hour drop off assigned time, you may not be able to drop off at another time.

What Should I Expect When I Arrive at the July Drop-Off?

- Please arrive at your allotted time. We may not be able to reschedule.
- You will check-in at a tent or central location when you arrive on campus. You will receive the door code information for your hall and information about where to go next.
- You will then go to the unloading zone for your hall. A staff member will greet you, provide information about moving in, and ensure your room is unlocked for you.

What is WWU's plan for residential living during COVID-19?

We continue to work on policies and procedures for adapting our spaces, activities and living communities for safe living and learning with an emphasis on physical distancing and other recommendations in mind. This may result in times of limited access to various buildings. For example, students should anticipate that access to residence halls will be limited to only the assigned residents in that hall through August 31.

Current guidelines from our local health department advise that students testing positive for and/or exposed to COVID-19 isolate/quarantine in their assigned rooms so as not to create new “hot spots” around campus. *If you find yourself concerned about housing based on COVID worries, please contact reslife@williamwoods.edu. We are happy to discuss options and answer questions. For example, if you are currently planning to live with a roommate in the fall and would feel more comfortable with a single room, please complete the single room request form found here: https://www.williamwoods.edu/eforms/student_life/Single_Room_Request_Form.aspx.*

What if I am at higher risk for COVID-19?

Students at higher risk for COVID-19 illness and complications due to certain medical conditions (asthma, diabetes, immunosuppressive drug therapy including chronic systemic corticosteroid treatment, heart disease, HIV, morbid obesity) are encouraged to talk to their health care providers about their level of risk. Residential students with questions or concerns should contact reslife@williamwoods.edu to discuss living options.