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Dear Residents,

During this pandemic, your health and safety remains UNO's primary concern. In response to the increasing cases of COVID-19 on campus and in the community, it has been determined to be in the best interest of our residential community to initiate a no guest mandate effective immediately. This mandate will be in effect until further notice. We will continually revisit this mandate and amend it if/when possible.

UNO, like all colleges and universities across the nation, is working diligently to keep its community safe. Many schools have found it necessary to close their residence halls. I tell you this not to alarm you, but to help you understand the rationale for this difficult decision. It is my hope that moving to a no guest mandate will help limit community spread of COVID-19 on-campus and allow for the continuance of on-campus living and learning opportunities. This mandate has been put in place because we care about you.

Effective immediately:

- Guests are NOT allowed to visit residence halls including, but not limited to apartments, lounges, lobbies, and workout spaces.
- No guests can visit an individual apartment. This includes other residents.
- The only people allowed in one's apartment are the people assigned to that space and Housing staff or other university professionals engaged in their job responsibilities. Please note, any resident who has an ADA accommodation that necessitates a guest must register their support individual with the [Accessibility Services Office](#).
- Lounges/lobbies/workout spaces, etc., have a capacity posted for how many residents can be in a space. Residents are always expected to abide by these posted occupancies.

Any resident who violates this no guest mandate will be subject to disciplinary action which may include suspension from on-campus housing.

Thank you for your continued vigilance in the ongoing efforts to keep our campus safe and your residence hall open. Once the Office of Health Security is notified of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, university protocol is initiated to mitigate further risk to our campus community. Individuals who are known to have direct exposure to individuals with COVID-19 will be given timely notification and guidance. To be clear, unless you are contacted by UNO Health Security and/or Douglas County Health Department, you do not need to quarantine. If you have questions about this, please reach out to UNO Health Security at unohealthsecurity@unomaha.edu.

UNO continues to promote public health mitigation measures by requiring face coverings on campus, social distancing, frequent handwashing, enhanced environmental cleaning, and providing consistent communication on COVID-19 through our website <https://www.unomaha.edu/fall-forward/index.php>. We will continue to monitor this situation closely and notify you if there are any developments that would further impact your health and safety.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times. Your health and welfare remain our top priority.

Warm regards,

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