

# THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

## Mona Campus

### IRVINE HALL

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#### **GUIDELINES FOR LIFE IN IRVINE HALL 2020/21**

Life in Irvine Hall will be grounded in the UWI's Framework for operations during the COVID pandemic. The framework is available at the link below. Section 5.15 directly speaks to Practices in Halls of Residence and is copied. However, you are encouraged to read the entire 13 page document as it guides your movements and actions around the campus.

<https://www.mona.uwi.edu/sites/default/files/uwi/Framework%20for%20operations%20during%20the%20COVID%20pandemic.pdf>

#### **5.15 PRACTICES IN HALLS OF RESIDENCE**

- All persons entering Halls of Residences will be subject to temperature screening. Persons failing the temperature screening will be denied access and advised to visit the University Health Centre, the University Hospital of the West Indies or the Cornwall Regional Hospital.
- The hands of all persons entering the Halls of Residences are to be cleaned and disinfected at the entrance to the facility. Persons refusing to have their hands disinfected will be denied access.
- The security officer reserves the right to request that the Campus' issued Identification Card be presented for examination. Non-compliant persons will be denied access.
- The security officer reserves the right to request that persons remove their mask in order to make a positive identification. Non-compliant persons will be denied access.
- No more than one student will occupy a room (Arrangements made for siblings and relatives in same household)
- No visitors will be allowed access to Halls of Residences
- Residents are to be restricted to their prescribed common/shared spaces and should not use other assigned common spaces.
- Where there are shared facilities such as kitchens etc., scheduling is

encouraged.

- Each Hall of Residence will maintain facilities for quarantine and isolation.
- Respective Student Service and Development Managers will have responsibility for ensuring compliance.

## **IRVINE SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS**

In addition to your hall license agreement and hall charter, we have put these reminders together to help keep you safe

### **Entering the Hall**

- You are required to wear a mask and to clean and sanitize hands before being given access to the Hall
- No guest will be allowed to enter the residence hall with the resident.
- Students coming into residence are not tested for COVID-19.
- Social distancing (6ft) therefore is extremely important and necessary
- Mask wearing outside of your room is also crucial. Proper mask-wearing (covering the nose and mouth is enforced)
- Consistent washing or sanitizing of hands becomes necessary
- All double rooms have been converted to single rooms known as super rooms. Siblings and relatives in the same household (same gender) may request to share such a room. Ask about our super rooms

### **At Security Post**

- The security guards will request a temperature check. Persons recording elevated temperatures will not be allowed into Hall
- You are to sanitize your hands at the security post before entering the Hall
- The security might need to request your name. You may show your ID but we do not recommend handing your ID to the security. You must limit touching.

### **Moving to your room**

- Maintenance staff will help you to move items to your room. Practice social distancing when utilizing this support.
- Access cards and Keys will be collected at the 138SL office in Irvine Hall. Continue to practice

social distancing

- If you need help adjusting the bed, you should do so by WhatsApp request in the first year or senior WhatsApp group depending on your status
- A room check sheet should be in your room. It records the condition of the items in your room. Sign the sheet. If you disagree with the assessment of the condition of the furniture or room

Sign the sheet. If you disagree with the assessment or the condition of the furniture you may take a picture supporting your claim and email it with a note to [info@138studentliving.com](mailto:info@138studentliving.com). If you do not find a room check sheet in your room at this time, do not be concerned

- Irvine Hall has a significant number of door handles and buttons. The door releases, elevators, and flat access all require you to touch a handle or button. Be especially careful to sanitize after touching handles and buttons

### **Online Sessions**

Our session with you will be mostly virtual, so ensure that you join the appropriate WhatsApp groups to get notices. There is one for new students (first years) and one for returning students (seniors). Ask your Resident Advisor for access to your respective group

### **Social distancing**

- At all times, when in the presence of someone you should maintain social distancing.

### **Mask wearing**

- Wearing of masks is mandated once you are outside of your room. Masks must be worn correctly at all times

### **Virtual engagement**

- Our engagement will be mostly virtual considering the local COVID situation

### **Irvine Hall eStore**

- Our Wright Place will offer an eStore service. Place your order for any item – food, supplies, medicine, room décor – anything. An order form will be circulated soon. The Wright Place is also physically opened

### **Microwaves, Vending machines**

- These are high point of contact areas. You should limit or avoid use of them

### **Kitchen schedule**

- Kitchen use will be scheduled based on room number. You will get this information on arrival. Talk to your RA if a kitchen schedule does not fit your school schedule

### **Common area**

- Social distancing and mask wearing should be practiced in the common area. Only about 25% of residents on the flat (if at capacity) can use the common area at any one point

### **Elevator**

- The elevator is restricted to one person at a time, or roommates
- Taking the stairs is encouraged. Be mindful to sanitize hands after touching the handrails

### **Irvine Hall Office**

- The Irvine Hall Office will have reduced operating times as we move most of our services online. For in person service, you will be given an appointment

### **138SL office in Irvine Hall**

- Infrastructural issues and accommodation fee matters are handled at the 138SL office in Irvine Hall. Utilize electronic communication means as best as possible. Limit your visits to the office. Use online banking to pay any necessary fees.

### **Laundromat**

- An appointment and scheduling system will be in place

### **Symptoms**

If you display COVID symptoms or be found to come into contact with a confirmed COVID case, you will be required to go into quarantine or isolation at a facility on campus. You will be required to provide your own linen for quarantine/isolation and to coordinate ordering, paying and delivery of your meals, in a non-contact manner. The eStore is available for that service

### **Withdrawal of Acceptance**

- If for any reason, you may want to withdraw your acceptance please do so via email.

### **Fluid Situation**

The situation is fluid and can change at a moment's notice