

On-campus living guide Spring 2020

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College access

At this time, the residential colleges are closed to visitors. Only students who have the explicit, written permission of their Head of College and Residential College Dean to remain in residence in that college may enter. **You may not allow anyone into your residential college, including other students.** If you order food from GrubHub, etc., you should meet the delivery person outside the college gate. Please understand that we are taking these measures to ensure community safety and your individual well-being.

Social distancing measures

As you know from following the emails sent by President Salovey and Dean Chun, as well as the COVID-19 FAQs for Yale College, Yale has instituted social distancing measures to ensure community safety and your individual well-being. Social distancing involves maintaining at least six feet of physical distance between us individually and avoiding public events and gatherings. ***Those of us who remain as residents of the colleges must each do our part to protect the community and each other by adopting these measures. Everyone should practice social distancing at all times.***

College Staff

The college heads, deans, and other staff are all working and available to you remotely.

College facilities

All college facilities are closed to student use as of 5pm on Sunday, March 15. Use of gyms, butteries, game rooms, common rooms, tv rooms, dance studios, art studios, multimedia centers, and all other common spaces is strictly prohibited.

All food will be provided through the dining hall. Unfortunately, given health and safety precautions, there can be no additional food offerings, nor any in-person gatherings of any kind. The college staff are working to create online social functions.

Laundry

Laundry facilities remain available, but please ensure that you practice social distancing measures in those spaces.

Dining

To support students who remain on campus during limited operations, Yale Hospitality is offering a Smart Meals dining program for undergraduate students. Smart Meals features healthy, “to-go” meals, prepared in a safe environment. **Breakfast, lunch, and dinner options are available at [Trumbull College Dining Hall](#) seven days a week.** View hours and additional information on the [Yale Hospitality website](#).

Mail

Yale Station and the Yale Student Receiving Center (YSRC-the package center) located at 250 Church Street will continue to remain open Monday – Friday from 10:00-3:30 and continue to accept packages. The YSRC will continue to notify students via email when new packages arrive.

If you become ill...

You should call Student Health ([203-432-0312](tel:203-432-0312)) 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For urgent attention 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, please call Yale Health Acute Care ([203-432-0123](tel:203-432-0123)). **Call first for instructions and follow all medical advice: do not go directly to Yale Health without calling first.** You should in the meantime remain in your room and be sure not to have any contact with others. Contact your Head of College and Residential College Dean by email immediately to let them know so that they can arrange to have meals delivered to you. You will also receive further instructions about how to self-quarantine so that you do not expose others to illness.

Federal, State, and City Emergency Measures

Given the rapidly evolving public health crisis, every level of government has declared some form of emergency. You should expect recommendations and restrictions to expand in the coming days as social distancing measures intensify. It is your responsibility to stay apprised of local restrictions and to abide by them. For more details and regular updates, please monitor the [New Haven, Connecticut](#), and [CDC](#) COVID-19 sites. At this point, as long as you are healthy, you can still go for walks or runs outside – just stay at least six feet from others.

Socially Isolate – but don't give up on *Social Connecting*

“Social distancing” is the term everyone is using, but it’s really physical distance that counts. Social distancing doesn’t mean we can’t connect with others in meaningful ways, and indeed, we should! This is precisely a time to support each other and be there for our friends and communities, albeit remotely. FaceTime, WhatsApp, etc., and the regular old phone can be valuable links to our friends and families. Make connecting with others a part of your day, and build routines that include interaction with your loved ones.