For our efforts to control the spread of COVID-19 to be successful, students must continue to observe all guidelines regarding social distancing, face coverings, cleaning, and visitation. Students violating visitation policies will be denied campus housing and may face additional student conduct violations depending on the nature of the infraction.

Students should maintain social distancing, wear a face covering, and assist in hygiene practices that slow the spread of COVID-19:

- The Center for Disease Control’s (CDC) guidelines for social distancing can be found [here](#).
- Residence hall rooms will continue to be viewed as a shared residence – like a family’s residence, social distancing and face coverings are not expected within an individual room or suite.
- It is the student's responsibility to adhere to appropriate behaviors related to the prevention of COVID-19, including the cleaning of rooms or suites.

During Move-in, students will be provided face coverings, which are to be worn in all common areas and hallways within the residence hall.

Outside and overnight visitation will remain suspended. “Outside visitors” includes anyone who is not a student at Middle Georgia State University.

Visitation will be allowed between residence halls. Students will be allowed one visitor at a time from another residence hall on the same campus during normal visitation hours. Students will not be allowed to visit students in a residence hall on a different campus – e.g., a student who lives in Cochran will not be allowed to visit in a Macon residence hall.

Visitation hours, as posted in the MGA Student Handbook, are:

- Sunday-Thursday: 10:00 am – 12:00 am
- Friday & Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 am

Large social gatherings within the residence halls are still prohibited. Locations on campus have been designated for gatherings of more than two people, including:

- Outside areas
- Green spaces
- Wellness Center(s)
- Student Center(s)

MGA will provide additional cleaning and safety precautions:

- Facilities staff have cleaned and disinfected every surface, following CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health guidelines.
- MGA will follow CDC guidelines each weekday for cleaning and disinfecting the residence halls.

Students will find that some community bathrooms have been locked and will not be accessible, mostly in the lobbies of the residence halls. While in a residence hall, use the bathroom in your assigned room.

Residence Life has partnered with Student Life this year for social and educational programming on and around every residential campus.
RA’s and CA’s will still host programming for residential students and coordinators from Student Life will be involved to maximize the experience of these events.

- Call the duty phone if you have questions/concerns related to your on campus housing. Duty phone numbers for each residence hall can be found here. If you have questions that aren’t answered by calling the duty phone, please contact MGA Housing/Residence Life at housing@mga.edu.

**Move-In Preparations**

- **Classes begin on Wednesday January 13th**

- **New students** moving into the residence halls must schedule a move-in appointment.
  - You will be able to sign up for a day/time via a JotForm link that will be sent to your MGA email address on Monday, January 4.
  - New students will be asked to make an appointment to check in on Saturday, January 9; Sunday, January 10; or Monday, January 11.
  - To avoid having more than 10 people on any wing of any hall at one time, appointments will be booked in 15 minute increments. **It is crucial that you arrive at your assigned appointment time.**

- **Returning students** moving back into the residence halls will not need to schedule an appointment, as they are already moved in.
  - Returning students are asked to come back to campus between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm on Sunday, January 10; Monday, January 11; or Tuesday, January 12.

- In order to keep the number of people on campus to a minimum, no more than two family members will allowed to help each student move in.

- Volunteers and non-family visitors will not be allowed in residents halls during move in.

- Family members are allowed to bring personal dollies and carts to use during move-in, but carts and dollies may not remain on campus after move-in.

- All students should plan to move in with minimal assistance from staff.

- Upon arrival into the parking lot of your residence hall, please follow these additional procedures:
  - Go to your assigned building. Staff will be there to assist as needed.
  - Bring your MGA ID Card. It will be activated so you can access the property.
  - Pick up your key from your room. Professional staff will have your bedroom door unlocked and your key will be labeled and on the desk. Only pick up your key.
  - Fill out the inventory card and drop it by front desk during the first week of the semester.

- Call the duty phone if you have any questions

- Food service in the campus cafeterias is scheduled to begin at dinner on the afternoon of January 9th.