

## MGA Housing & Residence Life

### Spring 2021

- **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.

- o 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](mailto:housing@mga.edu).

## Move-In Preparations

- **Classes begin on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **New students** moving into the residence halls must schedule a move-in appointment.
  - o 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.
  - o New students will be asked to make an appointment to check in on Saturday, January 9; Sunday, January 10; or Monday, January 11.
  - o 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.
  - o 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:
  - o Go to your assigned building. Staff will be there to assist as needed.
  - o Bring your MGA ID Card. It will be activated so you can access the property.
  - o 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.
  - o 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.