



# THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

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## HALLS OF RESIDENCE

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### **Covid-19 Protocols for Halls of Residence** **Students on Halls**

#### **Introduction**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, our living community of students on the Halls of Residence are faced with a new norm. Our aim is to ensure that students continue to live in a safe and productive environment.

The below procedures and safety initiatives may be reevaluated as the semester progresses to ensure compliance with national protocols and UWI guidelines.

#### **Planning for Semester 2021/22 Arrival – Move-In**

##### ***Documents***

All required documentation for students are to be signed electronically:

- 2021-2022 Housing Contract
- Acceptance form and payment online
- Room Checklist
- COVID-19 Checklist of essential items

<https://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/Accommodation/what-do-i-bring.aspx>

##### ***Occupancy Levels***

Maximum of 4 students per bathroom where there is one shower stall.

##### ***Prior to Arrival***

All residents will be informed that they will be subject to the national protocols governing persons arriving in Barbados. This includes Covid-19 testing and quarantine. This process is governed by the Ministry of Health. The costs associated with tests and any accommodation (prior to clearance by the Ministry) are the responsibility of the student and not the UWI, Cave Hill Campus.

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## ***Move-In Day***

- All residents who have travelled to Barbados are required to have medical clearance from the Campus Medical Officer **prior** to taking up occupancy on Halls. This is obtained by the following:
  - ✓ Send a confidential email with the subject “**COVID-19 clearance**” to [health@cavehill.uwi.edu](mailto:health@cavehill.uwi.edu) indicating the following:
    - **Name**
    - **UWI Id #**
    - **Country travelled/transit from**
    - **Arrival date**
    - **Copy of two negative COVID-19 tests (if indicated) and discharge from government quarantine**
    - **Proof of COVID-19 vaccination (if indicated)**
    - **Indicate if you are residing on the Halls of Residence**
- All residents (returning and new) will be given a specific date and time slot to move in.
- Residents will only be allowed to have two (2) persons (over the age of 18) to assist with the move- in process. No minors, additional family members/ friends will be allowed.
- All residents and those assisting them, must have their temperature checked before being allowed to enter the Campus. If the resident registers a temperature  $\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , they will be required to have review at the Student Health Clinic or a medical facility of their choice (resident is responsible for any costs incurred). Any family member or friend assisting resident and register a temperature  $\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , they will not be allowed on Campus and advised to seek medical care at a facility of their choice.
- Directional signs and volunteers/staff will guide residents through the move in process. Students and those assisting them will be required to wear a face mask/covering and maintain physical distance.

## **Living on Halls**

### ***Guest Policy***

No guests will be permitted on the Halls of Residence; this is inclusive of any resident living on one of our other Halls.

### ***Events on Halls***

All events on Hall, residents must first seek special approval via submission of the Event Request Form to Hall Administration and consideration may be given in line with the national and established Campus protocols.

## ***Students Travelling***

All residents will be subjected to national protocols and restrictions if they are considering travel outside of Barbados. This may include travel restriction or quarantine, depending on the prevailing national policy. Upon return to Barbados, medical clearance is required from the Campus Medical Officer before returning to the Halls of Residence.

Residents whom have not travelled but lived off campus during the semester breaks, will require a negative COVID-19 test from an accredited laboratory for reentry to the halls of residence.

## ***Overnight Stays off Campus***

Residents are encouraged to remain on campus and practice COVID-19 protocols and precautions when interacting with persons off campus. Residents should be mindful that any prolonged stay off the Halls of Residence, might likely require a negative COVID-19 test for reentry. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

# **Keeping Residents Safe Through Enhanced Health and Safety**

## ***General***

- Cave Hill Campus COVID- 19 Protocols are in place for all contractors and individuals working on the Halls of Residence.
- Staff and residents will be encouraged to practice physical/social distancing of at least 6ft. All residents are required to wear face masks/coverings in shared spaces and where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- When residents are meeting/interacting with staff and social distancing cannot be maintained, face masks/coverings are required.
- Hand sanitizing stations have been installed in all Halls of Residence and should be used when proper hand washing is not possible. Note, if hands are visibly soiled, handwashing is recommended. Residents are advised to refer to the WHO link below on the steps in proper hand washing:

[https://www.who.int/gpsc/clean\\_hands\\_protection/en/](https://www.who.int/gpsc/clean_hands_protection/en/)

## ***Signage***

Posters will be placed throughout Halls highlighting:

- Covid-19 symptoms and reducing the risk.
- Frequent and proper hand hygiene.
- Social distancing; this will include markings and directional signage
- Elevator capacity.
- Maximum capacity in common areas e.g. kitchens, lounges, laundries
- Also please pay special attention to signage across campus and

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information shared via UWI email, UWI Cave Hill app, UWI Cave Hill social media accounts via Instagram and Facebook.

### ***Communal/Shared Areas***

Shared areas e.g. laundry facilities, elevators, lounges will be cleaned and disinfected at least twice per day.

### ***Kitchens***

- The number of persons allowed in kitchens will be restricted at given time, so that physical distance can be maintained as much as possible.
- Residents should avoid sharing utensils and cutlery. E.g. glasses, cups, spoons, forks.

### ***Bathrooms***

- Posters will be installed showing proper hand- washing techniques.
- Residents will be encouraged to keep their personal items (e.g. toothbrushes) in bags and avoid direct contact with bathroom surfaces.

### ***Lounges, laundries, computer labs***

- Signs will be installed indicating room capacity and rules for use.
- Physical distance must be maintained as much as possible.

### ***Cleaning***

- Training on public health measures along with cleaning standards will be introduced for all Hall Attendants, & General Workers.
- Communal spaces and frequently touched surfaces (handrails, elevator buttons etc.) will be cleaned twice daily.
- Custodial staff are required to wear the appropriate gear while conducting their duties e.g. gloves, aprons, masks.
- Trash will be removed at least once daily.
- Custodial staff are encouraged to practice frequent and proper hand washing, especially after conducting their duties.

### ***Dealing with Residents who are ill***

- Residents will be informed of the steps to take if they are unwell.
- Residents who have a fever or exhibit any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 should remain in their room and contact the Student Health Clinic via telephone at **1(246)417-4170** or email: [health@cavehill.uwi.edu](mailto:health@cavehill.uwi.edu) for advice. They should not use communal areas, visit other rooms/Halls or attend in person classes/labs. They should not go directly to the Clinic unless they are advised to do so by Clinic personnel. Outside of Clinic hours if a resident is experiencing these symptoms and require advice, they may call the Barbados COVID hotline at **1(246)536-4500**.
- For further information on the Student Health Clinic you may visit the webpage <https://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/student-services/health-wellness/health-clinic.aspx>

### ***Updating of Protocols***

It should be noted that the Halls Administration reserves the right to update the above protocols in keeping with the outcomes of the present COVID-19 pandemic.