

Dear Privateers,

On behalf of the Office of Residential Life, I am excited to welcome you to campus in a few short weeks. While we are looking forward to having our campus community fill Pontchartrain Halls again, I want to share our current COVID-19 Risk Reduction Strategies and encourage your participation in keeping our community safe. I am thankful for the hundreds of Privateers who worked diligently over the past 18 months by maintaining physical distancing measures, following CDC guidelines, and protecting their fellow Privateers.

The University of New Orleans closely follows recommended guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, the Louisiana Department of Health and the City of New Orleans. Please review our current plan to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

1. **Vaccinations:** Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are now available. Students are encouraged to receive their vaccine prior to their arrival at UNO. UNO will offer pop-up clinics for students to receive their vaccine, however, students are encouraged to be fully vaccinated before arrival.
2. **Testing:** Unvaccinated students are encouraged to participate in regular COVID-19 testing.
3. **Masks and Facial Coverings:** All persons entering buildings at UNO must wear masks or facial coverings.
4. **Quarantine and Isolation Policies:** Unvaccinated students who are exposed to COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 10 days. Unvaccinated and vaccinated students who contract COVID-19 will be required to isolate for 10 days. We have reserved a small number of beds for this situation; however, space is limited. Due to an increased demand for student housing, depending on quarantine needs throughout the semester, we might not have available space to support on-campus quarantine for those who are required to quarantine and/or isolate. In some cases, students may be required to return home for quarantine or isolation. Students are encouraged to complete their vaccinations, as data shows fully vaccinated people are less likely to become infected or transmit COVID-19 to others.
5. **COVID-19 and Hurricane Evacuation:** As hurricanes and tropical storms are a concern for our area, students are encouraged to have up-to-date evacuation plans on their Pontchartrain Hall applications. Students may revisit their application to update their plans as needed. UNO's partner institutions who provide our relocation area in the event of an evacuation will not accept any students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days prior to the evacuation. Residential students who test positive for COVID-19 will need to identify other means of evacuation. For information about hurricane evacuation plans provided by the City of New Orleans, please visit [ready.nola.gov/plan/hurricane/#cae](https://ready.nola.gov/plan/hurricane/#cae).
6. **Gathering Size and Occupancy Limits:** Limited gathering sizes for indoor and outdoor spaces will continue to follow City of New Orleans guidelines.
7. **Guest Policy:** Pontchartrain Hall residents may have up to 2 guests with them to assist with their move-in process. After move-in, guests are limited to students who are also members of the UNO community. Guest hours are 12:00 noon- 12:00 midnight daily.

I look forward to welcoming you to campus soon.

With UNO Pride,

**Amanda Robbins**  
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