



**TO:** SJU Residents

**FROM:** SJU Student Affairs Residence Office Team, [info@sju.ca](mailto:info@sju.ca)

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**RE:** Residence Memo

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Dear SJU Residents,

We hope you are having a great start to your week!

Thank you once again for your candid feedback to us through the Residence Survey we sent out in late October. We truly appreciate your honesty and willingness to identify opportunities to make your residence experience better. We heard you loud and clear that you would really like to have some additional common spaces open, both for studying as well as for gathering in small groups with your friends.

We are happy to share that the Games Room will be open for your use, starting today. The Community Centre (Cafeteria) will also be open for you to use during the day between mealtimes. Please see below for detailed information on our community use and management of these shared spaces.

#### **Important Public Health Update**

- As of Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Region of Waterloo has moved into a Red Zone. This means that broader-scale measures and restrictions have been put in place to control the transmission of COVID-19. In the early days of the pandemic, this level of restriction was called "Stage 2" and it included that same kind of restrictions that we are currently under in the "Red Zone"
- In residence, many of our protocols remain the same. Please continue to wear your mask and practice social distancing in all areas of the building
- In the Red Zone, the indoor gathering limit implemented by the Ontario government is **5 people**. We ask that if you are spending time in the Living Room, the Games Room or using the furniture available in your pod, you are adhering to this gathering limit. As you enter these spaces, please be mindful of how many people are already there and plan to come back later if there are already 5 people using the space
- In the cafeteria, we will maintain our cohort eating schedule, but have made take-out meals more readily available for folks who might prefer bringing their meal back to their own room to enjoy
- If you have any questions about what the Red Zone is, or how we have adapted to these new restrictions, please be in touch. We'll continue to update you as we hear more about public health guidelines that are relevant to you

### **Games Room in Residence**

- The Games Room is located on the first floor of the residence building, just off the Living Room. Residents can access the room by using their fob to unlock the door
- The gathering limit of **5 people** will be enforced. As you enter the room, please be mindful of how many people are already using the space
- The usual COVID-related protocols – masks, physical distancing, and hand sanitizing – are in effect. We've stocked the Games Room with wipes for you to wipe down surfaces and equipment once you're finished with it

### **Community Centre (Cafeteria)**

- The Community Centre is now open outside of mealtimes to provide additional study spaces
- You are welcome to use the space during the following hours:  
Monday to Friday: 9:30am-11:30am and 1:00pm-5:00pm  
Saturday to Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm
- Drinks (hot and cold) are available during this time. Please ask one of the Dana team members for assistance
- The usual COVID-related protocols – 2 max per table, masks, physical distancing, and hand sanitizing – are in effect. Wipe down the surfaces and equipment when you are finished. Wipes are provided in the Community Centre

We place a high degree of trust in each member of this community, knowing that you also value safety while seeking to build meaningful connections. The availability of common spaces in SJU during this second wave of COVID-19 is entirely dependent on the maintenance of this trust and respect for the protocols that have been implemented to keep us safe.

Any questions or concerns about these spaces? Please connect with us at [info@sju.ca](mailto:info@sju.ca)

Thanks in advance for your respectful use of these spaces. We hope you find them helpful for schoolwork, studying and connecting with friends!

Take care,  
The Student Affairs Residence Office Team

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