Good Afternoon SJU Residents,

We hope your week is going well.

To start we want to thank and acknowledge the dedication of SJU residents and Dons for their efforts thus far in navigating a very different year in residence, and respecting and adhering to COVID safety measures and protocols. Please keep this up! Your efforts don’t go unnoticed and are appreciated as we all work together to keep a healthy and safe residence community. These efforts will be especially important to continue when you venture outdoors at SJU and off-campus.

**COVID – 19**

Since our last memo to you, the COVID-19 landscape continues to evolve quickly with COVID-19 cases increasing across the province, including here in the Waterloo Region where university students have been included in COVID-19 positive case counts during the past week. As of yesterday, Ontario reached the highest daily COVID-19 case count (700 cases) since the beginning of the pandemic last winter. This news should be concerning to all of us and a call to action to ensure we all continue to do our part to keep ourselves, each other, and our community safe - both in residence, on-campus, and off-campus. This includes:

- Wearing a face covering/mask in any common spaces in residence, or spaces where it is difficult to maintain physical distancing - this includes outdoors when you are close to other people.
- Practicing physical distancing (keeping 6 feet or 2 metres between people) inside and outside, even when wearing a face covering/mask. Keep your distance!
- Washing your hands frequently and using hand-sanitizer as you navigate residence spaces.
· Being mindful of who’s in your social circles/bubble and keep these small.
· Being familiar with our Residence COVID-19 protocols and safety measures, and processes for illness reporting, self-isolation, and contact tracing can be found online. If you are experiencing illness and need to connect with us, please self-isolate in your room and contact your Don/Duty Don in a contactless way.

**Changes to Gathering Limits**

Recent changes to provincial guidelines have reduced the number of people allowed to attend an unmonitored private social gatherings including off-campus house parties and outdoor get-togethers:
· 10 people at an indoor event or gathering (previous limit of 50); or
· 25 people at an outdoor event or gathering (previous limit of 100).

To clarify, our Community Centre (dining hall) capacity, as well as staffed events and/or meetings continue to be permitted within these changes to the provincial guidelines, provided COVID-19 safety measures and protocols are in place including the use of a face covering/mask, and maintaining physical distancing.

**Mail, Butterly, & Navigating doors/buttons Safely**

As we get settled into residence and the fall term, we have some updates to support your experience in residence:
· We have a new mailing address for residence, please use the following for any mail or parcels/deliveries you are wanting to receive:

  o Student’s Name
  
  St. Jerome’s University
  
  Ryan OR Siegfried Hall, Room #
  
  263 Phillip St.
  
  Waterloo, Ontario
  
  N2L 3W8

· An evening buttery/snack program has started that provides some snacks for you and your pod mates to enjoy for those evening study sessions. These will be delivered directly to your pod, Sunday to Thursday each week. Your Dons have more information on how this program will work, so please ask them!
You should have received a ‘door opening and button pushing gadget’ from your Don. Please add this to your fob/lanyard and use it as you navigate doors, the elevators, or even ATM buttons to reduce contact and touchpoints. Remember to clean and sanitize it often!

Lastly, we’d like to get to know you a bit better and hear about how things are going for you in residence. When going to and from the Community Centre for your meals this week, keep an eye out for us along the way. We will be reaching out (from a distance) to connect and introduce ourselves!

If you have questions, concerns, ideas, or would like to connect further with our staff to chat, our team’s contact information can be found online, or email info@sju.ca.

Take care and keep safe,
The Student Affairs Residence Office Team.

*Needing to connect with SJU Student Affairs? Please visit our staff team directory online*