



FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020

Dear Syracuse Landlords,

The upcoming Syracuse University Fall 2020 semester will be unlike any in our history. It will require flexibility, compassion and resilience from every member of the Syracuse community. Most importantly, it will require each of us to behave responsibly and in a way that benefits and safeguards the entire community.

If this pandemic has taught us one thing, it is that we are all in this together. That is why hundreds of Syracuse faculty, staff, students and community members have been working every day since early March to plan for the reopening of the University in the fall, and do so in a way that is safe for all members of the Central New York community. To that end, I'm writing to make two requests of you as housing providers to many Syracuse University students.

First, be advised that more than 3,000 Syracuse University students are subject to the New York State Department of Health mandatory 14-day quarantine requirement prior to the start of classes. Many of these students are your tenants. I am asking you, on behalf of those students and Syracuse University, that you afford these students the maximum flexibility possible regarding moving into their off-campus housing early (if required) to accommodate the 14-day quarantine requirement. For those subject to the New York State quarantine requirement, they must commence that quarantine beginning no later than the weekend of Aug. 8-9, to comply with New York State law. To the extent possible, we ask that you afford the students impacted by the New York State travel advisory the opportunity to move into their off-campus apartments in time to accomplish the required quarantine prior to the start of the semester. Your action in this regard would be very much appreciated by these students and Syracuse University.

Second, as we resume residential life on campus, Syracuse University is committed to prioritizing the health and safety of the campus community and our Central New York neighbors. Specifically, we have made our students aware of the New York State

Department of Health guidelines related to social distancing, use of personal protective equipment, personal hygiene best practices and the coordination of or participation in non-essential gatherings. The University is asking for support from those who provide housing to our students, with regard to setting expectations associated with a standard of responsible behavior.

Syracuse University is committed to do the same. Specifically, each student, upon returning to school for the Fall 2020 semester, is required to sign a [Stay Safe Pledge](#). That pledge is a commitment to adhere to responsible and safe behavior practices that support the guidelines for social distancing, use of masks and consideration for impact of their personal behavior on the community, both on and off campus. Violation of this pledge will trigger swift and immediate response by the University. We need your help in this effort.

Collaboration between the University, landlords, neighborhoods and the City of Syracuse to address and enforce these behaviors is critical to keeping our community safe. Thus, we ask for your support to ensure that the students who live in your houses, complexes and apartments are accountable to you—as property owners—regarding behaviors that put our community at risk. The University will closely monitor guidelines and the rules of social distancing and compliance must be strictly required.

On behalf of Syracuse University, thank you for your support and please know that your actions to support our students, and clearly communicate expectations with regard to their behavior while your tenant, will go a long way to benefit our entire community. In this regard, please also watch for a separate invitation to participate in a Zoom session with University leaders next week, to discuss off-campus living during the COVID-19 health emergency.

For more information on the Syracuse University guidelines for COVID-19 and planning efforts, please see our website: <https://www.syracuse.edu/fall2020/>. Thank you for your partnership and support.

Sincerely,
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