

Totino-Grace High School Residence Center

2020-2021 Safe Reopening Plan



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Residence Center COVID-19 Safe Reopening Plan

Please be assured that our administrative team has been working diligently to prepare for a safe reopening of the Residence Center for the 2020-2021 school year. We have, first and foremost, considered the safety of our students and staff while arranging our plans. In order to facilitate a safe reopening of the Residence Center we ask you to carefully review our COVID-20 Safe Reopening Plan. We will continue to communicate with our resident students and families about our COVID-19 Safe Reopening Plan in order to mitigate diseases and help our resident students understand their responsibility for their health and safety. Additionally, we have outlined several details regarding possible online learning for students residing in the Residence Center.

The following measures will be put into place in order to follow public health recommendations. These measures include, but are not limited to:

- Resident students will have single occupancy rooms, each with their own sink. Students should feel comfortable with isolation and quarantine if it is needed.
- Hand sanitation stations are provided throughout the Residence Center. There will be regular cleaning and disinfection of common areas and shared bathrooms.
- We will provide the proper education to our resident students on how to prevent the spread of disease, especially while living in a community setting. We will also communicate the expectation that all resident students must wear a face-covering while participating in any community setting outside of the Residence Center.
- We will communicate information on steps students will need to take if they become ill.
- Students coming from overseas or from certain areas in the United States will need to quarantine in the Residence Center for five days. After quarantine, students will be taken to get tested for COVID-19.

- Students traveling outside of the United States during Christmas break, or traveling to certain areas (COVID-19 hotspots) in the United States will need to quarantine in the Residence Center for five days upon their return. After quarantine, students will be taken to get tested for COVID-19.

Parent Communication & Support

We fully anticipate parents or guardians will have questions regarding the school year and life in the Residence Center. We will send out regular communications to our families via email. I am also available to video chat over FaceTime, WeChat, and WhatsApp to answer any questions. The best way to contact me is via email at elizabeth.mueller@totinograce.org or through the Residence Center On-Call cell phone at (763)-350-5554.

Returning to Campus

Students who are coming from overseas or from certain parts of the United States¹ will be asked to quarantine for 5 days before beginning classes or fall activities. This quarantine is out of an abundance of caution and is beyond the current recommendations from the CDC.² During this time, students must wear a mask at all times except in their room. Masks must be worn to the bathroom, dining area, recreational room, laundry room, and other common spaces.

After 5 days and no symptoms, students will be tested for COVID-19 at a Hennepin Healthcare Clinic. For more information about COVID-19 testing click [HERE](#). Once a negative test result is confirmed, students will no longer be required to wear a mask in the Residence Center.

New Student Orientation is on Friday, August 28. Fall classes will begin on Monday, August 31 for juniors and seniors. Fall classes will begin for freshman and sophomores on Tuesday, September 1. All students will attend class on Wednesday, September 2. It is recommended that students coming from overseas or from hotspots in the United States arrive no later than Tuesday, August 25 to allow for sufficient time to complete quarantine and the COVID-19 test before the start of school.

Staff Safety

¹ Currently, the following states meet the criteria for required quarantine (although this list is subject to change): Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. Students traveling from these states will need to follow the same protocol as those arriving from international destinations.

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

Residence Center Staff will be required to complete a health screening before working in the dormitory. This health screening includes a temperature check. Residence Center chefs will be required to wear a face mask during food preparation.

Any staff who are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick will not report to work until it is safe for them to do so.

Visitor Policy

Except for children under the age of 2, all guests and visitors to the Residence Center must wear a mask or face covering. Prior to entering the Residence Center all visitors and guests must have a temperature and health screening, which will be completed by a staff member. Please call the on-call cell phone at (763)-350-5554 before entering the Residence Center.

We will be using the following guidelines for visitors:

- During the first three weeks of school (Monday, August 31 - Sunday, September 20) **NO** visitors will be allowed inside the Residence Center.
- After the first three weeks of school, a limited number of visitors **may** be allowed inside the Residence Center (no more than one visitor per student). Visitors are required to wear a mask at all times while in the Residence Center and complete a temperature and health screening with a staff member before entering.
- **NO** visitors will be permitted in that event that the Totino-Grace campus closes due to a significant COVID-19 outbreak.

Expectations for External Activities

Students are required to wear a face mask and practice social distancing when participating in excursions or activities outside of the Residence Center. Before participating in activities or gatherings outside of the Residence Center, students must get approval from a staff member. Residence Center Staff have the right to decline student requests to attend social events, gatherings, or other activities.

Daily Health Screening

Students will complete a daily health screening inside the Residence Center twice a day. The first required screening will be in the morning during breakfast and the second required screening will be before bed during nightly room checks.

The health screening will be completed by a staff member and includes a temperature check with a no-touch thermometer. Students will not be allowed to attend school until they have completed the daily check.

Common Spaces

Common areas will be cleaned and disinfected by staff members once daily. Common bathrooms and showerrooms are also disinfected daily. Disinfectant wipes will be provided in all common areas for students to wipe down after each use (study tables, equipment in recreational room, student kitchen, etc). Students are expected to disinfect surfaces after each use with the cleaning supplies that are provided.

Individual Student Rooms

Students will be responsible for the cleanliness and sanitation of their own bedrooms and each student will be provided with disinfectant wipes and other cleaning supplies. Students are expected to routinely clean and disinfect their rooms. In order to promote a healthy, clean, and safe living environment staff members will be conducting room checks weekly on Mondays.

Protocols for Signs & Symptoms of COVID-19

Any resident student who exhibits signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will be immediately escorted to their individual room in the Residence Center. We will follow protocol from Minnesota's Department of Health Decision Tree for People with COVID-19 Symptoms.³

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 they must isolate from other students and quarantine in their room for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms AND until they are fever-free for at least three days without medication AND experience improvement of any other symptoms. Students will remain in quarantine until they are symptom free. All other community members in the Residence Center will also quarantine for 14 days as recommended by the CDC.

Quarantine Procedures

If a student becomes ill or has possibly been exposed to COVID-19 they go to their rooms immediately for quarantine. While in isolation:

- Students cannot go anywhere except the bathroom and shower room

³ <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

- Students must notify a staff member anytime the bathroom or shower room is used so it can be fully disinfected
- For schooling students will pivot to fully remote eLearning and complete classes from their individual room
- All meals will be brought to the students' doorway for contactless delivery
- Students can order food. Staff will accept the delivery and drop off the food at the students' doorway.

Additional Changes in Residence Center

- **Mandatory Influenza Vaccination** - This year each student will be required to receive an influenza (flu) vaccination to help reduce the chance of a flu outbreak in the dormitory community.⁴ The CDC recommends everyone 6 months of age and older get vaccinated every flu season. If you would prefer not to have your child vaccinated, please notify Elizabeth Mueller at elizabeth.mueller@totinograce.org.
- **Study Hall** - This year the Residence Center will be implementing a mandatory nightly study hall Sunday - Thursday from 8:00 - 9:30 PM. During this time all students will turn in their cell phones and will be required to work on their course materials at their study desk in their room or one of the designated study areas. A staff member will be circulating during this time to ensure students are working and to assist students with any questions they may have. If students have already completed their homework at the time of study hall (and show they are finished), then they will not have to participate. We want to help each of our students establish strong study habits to set them up for academic success at Totino-Grace and in their post-secondary education. Study Hall will also serve as a time when students can utilize Residence Center staff members for academic support.
- **Homework Checks** - Every Sunday evening a Totino-Grace Residence Center staff will be checking on each student's progress in their classes. This check will include checking to see if a student has any missing and/or late assignments in their classes.

