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Dear Resident of Muir College,

Welcome to living in the Muir College Residence Halls or Apartments! We are excited to see you in a few weeks and compiled a comprehensive two-part guide to prepare you for a smooth and successful move-in.

You are now reading **Part 1: "First Things First"** which contains everything you need to know about your new room assignment, your roommate/suitemate/apartment-mate information, and how to plan and prepare for your big move. We will follow up with **Part 2: "Arriving to Campus"**; providing directions to campus, move-in and testing instructions, and a neighborhood map, which you will receive by September 1.

- **Access to your room assignment:** Beginning *TODAY (Wednesday, August 25)*, you will be able to go to view your MyRoomAssignment information. Visit our [Housing Contracts](#) page, then:
 - Click on the Housing Portal link and login with your campus credentials
 - Select the 2021-22 Move-In Information & Processes
 - Click on the **2021-22 MyRoomAssignment Portal link**
 - Remember to carefully read and indicate agreement to the Housing Assertions prior to accessing your Room Assignment information. These assertions are important expectations that all residents must agree to abide by as a member of our housing communities.
- **Sign up for your arrival date:** [Campus move-in](#) will be held over a 10-day period, beginning *Saturday, September 11 through Tuesday, September 21, 2021*.
 - As **Step One** of the move-in process, all on-campus residents will be offered a free SARS-CoV-2 test.
 - The goal of testing is to identify and isolate any asymptomatic individuals who could unintentionally spread the virus.
- **You must reserve your test and move-in date & time by Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 11:59pm (PST).**
 - You can change your reserved date/time up to the deadline listed above. After that, the university will be unable to make adjustments.
 - After making your reservation, be on the lookout in your UCSD email account for a message with the subject line: **"Confirmation: Fall 2021 Selected Testing and Move-In Date and Time"**
 - This email will contain important details you need to prepare prior to your test appointment, such as signing up for [My Student Chart](#) and the [UCSD mobile app](#); please read it carefully and share the information with those accompanying you to campus.
- **Compliance to Vaccine Mandate:**
 - Make sure you are in compliance with the requirements of the [Campus Vaccine Mandate](#).
 - To comply, individuals are required to show [proof of vaccination](#). Compliance with the policy is required by September 6, 2021, for UC San Diego. Compliance with the mandate requires individuals to be fully vaccinated (two weeks after final dose) or have a medical exemption, a religious exception, a disability exception or a deferral.
 - Requests for exception or deferral should be submitted as soon as possible, and submitted no later than Sept 2, 2021, so they are time-stamped to meet the Sept 6, 2021, deadline.
- **Get acquainted with your QwikPass!** (*Available after September 6*)
 - Your QwikPass will contain all the important information needed for move-in, so print a copy or save it on your phone before you arrive to campus.
- **Did you submit your photo for your Campus ID card?** Check the [Campus Card](#) page for more info.

- **Attending Orientation?** Download the [Orientation and Welcome Week YAPP](#) app on your mobile device.
- **About Your Room Assignment**
 - As featured online, roommate requests are not guaranteed. Any requests had to be mutual, same-gender, and were only honored if the students were assigned to the same neighborhood.
 - All room assignments are currently fixed until after the Fall Quarter begins. We anticipate very few openings occurring before the start of the Fall Quarter. There is a freeze on any room changes from now until the third week of classes.
 - For inquiries regarding possible room changes, look out for the HDH online resource to get on the room change interest list approximately three weeks after classes begin.
 - As stated in their [website FAQ](#), HDH will not consider any room assignment changes based on a resident's known or perceived vaccination status. Roommates/apartment-mates/suitemates should not ask one another of their vaccination status.
- **Tips for Successful Group Living – Tip #1 – Open Communication is KEY**
 - Establish communication early! Your My Room Assignment page will contain the contact information of your roommate (double rooms), suitemates (residence halls) or apartment-mates.
 - Contact one another as soon as you receive your assignments.
 - Making that first contact via a personal phone call, Zoom, FaceTime or (if possible) in person is always better than via text, e-mail (or even worse, stalking their social media!)
 - Keep an open mind when assigned a roommate; putting your best foot forward may result in a great relationship.
 - Do not be discouraged if you and your roommate(s) are not the best of friends; the important thing is that you respect each other.
 - Continue and maintain open communication throughout the school year.
- **Planning & Preparation for a Successful Move-in**
 - Pack essential items only for your initial arrival. *After* settling in your new space, purchase non-essential items online and ship them to campus through the [Amazon Center](#) for easy pick up.
 - You can also plan to visit our campus [Target](#) store to conveniently shop on site or pick up an order once you've seen your space on campus.
 - One of the keys to successful group living is [managing the space](#) wisely. There's ample [room](#) for essentials such as clothing, books, and computer per person, but not enough room for more than one refrigerator, TV, and coffeemaker.
 - Plan to discuss with your roommates/suitemates/apartment-mates items that can be shared by everyone, and plan together who will volunteer to bring that for move-in.
 - Many students actually wait until they arrive to campus before looking at the [room/suite](#) and going out as a group to buy larger shared items such as refrigerator and microwave.
 - There will be a limited number of free carts available for check-out to students only. If you prefer, you can bring your own hand-cart or dolly for move-in.
 - Use rolling luggage and pack smaller boxes that are easy to carry.
 - Reminder – each Muir building has at least one elevator but please anticipate long wait times as only one family is allowed inside at a time. We encourage you to use stairs when possible.
 - Mail services will begin *after* you move in.
 - Your mailing address and mailbox number will be listed on your [Qwik Pass](#).
 - Note that your room assignment (building name and suite or apartment number) is NOT your mailing address.

We highly recommend reviewing these resources:

- [Return to Learn Program](#): Learn about the university-wide strategy that enables a safe return to campus based on results from regular COVID-19 testing of students, faculty and staff.
- [Housing, Dining and Hospitality's COVID-19 FAQs](#); this will provide the latest information that may help to answer a lot of your questions regarding living on-campus.
- Please contact us with your questions. Stay tuned for *Part 2: "Arriving to Campus"* coming by Sept 1!

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