



CPG Update: December 11, 2020

HOW TO SUBMIT A HOUSING CHANGE REQUEST

Included below are specifics on how to request the various types of housing changes available.

Request to cancel housing contract: To submit a formal request for a Spring 2021 housing cancellation, students will need to email Residential_Life@washcoll.edu. The email should include the reason for the cancellation. All requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and Residential Life will provide a response to the student within 2 business days of submitting their request. Once a student moves onto campus, their housing and meal costs become non-refundable. (Should Washington College make the decision to close campus and send students home, pro-rated refunds will be issued for the housing and meal plan portion of the fees only.)

Request to cancel housing contract and live off-campus: Students who have signed up for housing and are requesting to be released from their housing contract in order to live locally off campus will need to get approval from Residential Life. At this time for Spring 2021, only seniors with minimum GPA of 3.0 qualify to apply for a housing exemption to live locally off campus.

Request for a room change: For room changes, students can sign up on room change waitlist via the housing portal. Room changes will be made by staff pending space availability. Students seeking a room change but have already signed up for a move in time, will need to sign up for a new move in time specific to their new assignment once it has been completed.

Request to change meal plan: Changes to the meal plan can be made within the housing portal.

New Housing Requests: We currently still have space to house students (all singles) who have not yet signed up for campus housing, but would still like to do so. You can contact Residential Life to submit your application.

Please note that any need-based financial aid packages will be impacted if a student makes a change in their housing and/or a meal plan status at this time. Any questions about student bills, the payment plan, and other the billing issues should be directed to Jenny Hutton, accounts receivable manager, at jhutton2@washcoll.edu.

UPDATE: The payment deadline for the Spring semester has been revised from Jan. 4 to Jan. 8.



SAVE THE DATE!

Spring Semester Zoom Forum: Jan. 13th @ 5 PM

Save the date for our next Zoom Forum, which has been scheduled for Wed., January 13th @ 5 PM. This is open to both students and parents, and panelists answering questions will again include Dr. Wayne Powell, Dr. Michael Harvey, Dr. Sarah Feyerherm, Thad Moore and Lisa Marx.

The registration link for this Forum will be made available closer to the date of the event, along with a link to submit questions for the panelists.

COMING SOON...

We are putting the final touches and edits on three resources that will be helpful in keeping the community informed around the spring semester. Expect to see the official release of these 3 items in the next couple of weeks:

The Ultimate Guide to the Spring Semester (PDF)- a one-stop shop playbook for all the "need-to-know" information around safety, living on campus, student expectations and campus COVID operations.

Upgraded COVID section of the website - this will mirror (and likely expand upon) the information in the spring semester guide.

COVID Dashboard - this tool will include data around testing, positive cases, our positivity rate and the capacity within Quarantine and Isolation housing. Live data won't be available until students begin to return in mid-January, but we will be making the format available so that the community knows what they can expect to see once students arrive and testing is underway.



Wishing you a warm, safe and merry holiday season. As we look ahead to the new year, please enjoy this special video greeting which highlights that which is at the very top of our holiday wish list. (And remember, spread love, peace and good cheer this holiday season – not germs!)

CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE STATEMENT REGARDING FALL AND WINTER SPORTS

With the health and safety of its student-athletes, campus communities and the general public of paramount importance, the Centennial Conference Presidents Council has decided to cancel conference competition and championships for all fall and winter sports during the 2020-21 academic year.

"All of us at Washington College were hopeful that we would be able to play a Centennial Conference schedule and compete for fall and winter championships but unfortunately the circumstances surrounding the pandemic will not allow us this opportunity," stated Director of Athletics Thad Moore. "We are still working to find ways for our fall and winter teams to safely compete against outside institutions during the spring semester," he added.



Sports impacted by this decision include, field hockey, men's and women's soccer, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's swimming.

This difficult decision was made following several months of meetings and discussions among all levels of the Conference governance structure. Extensive strategies were evaluated as to how to safely and effectively conduct Conference competitions for fall and winter sports during the spring semester. Ultimately, a number of factors impacted this decision, including the rising number of COVID-19 cases across the country, the shift of spring academic calendars to a later start, campus policies regarding travel, group size and visitors to campus, and the ability to meet recommended NCAA testing guidelines.

We understand this news is deeply disappointing given how valuable athletics is to the student experience and the educational missions of our member institutions. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to present challenges locally, regionally and nationally, the health and safety of our campuses and surrounding communities must be our top priority. Institutions will continue to find meaningful ways to engage student-athletes in athletic activities. Our coaches will continue to work closely with our student-athletes and to recruit prospective student-athletes as part of our on-going commitment to sustaining our intercollegiate athletic program.

A decision about the possibility of Centennial Conference spring sports competition will next be evaluated in January.

The NCAA announced in October that Division III athletes will not be charged a year of eligibility this academic year, even if they compete for their schools.