What to Expect in HMSC Housing | Academic Year 2020-2021

To help protect health and safety of all OSU students, research interns, personnel and extended community, Hatfield will offer limited housing accommodation for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Housing requests will be accepted and accommodated based on priority, which is determined by length and purpose of visit to HMSC. Fall and winter terms are generally slower times at HMSC and we will likely be able to accommodate most requests. Housing requests that include the spring term will be more difficult to accommodate, pending changes in health and safety guidelines throughout the academic year.

Safety is our top priority. We have sought guidance and collaborated with local county, university and state-level experts regarding our housing complexities, all of which complying with CDC guidelines. All modifications in HMSC housing have been based upon expert advice.

Housing Units:

Apartments: Our one-bedroom apartments, which originally housed 4-6 tenants, will now accommodate only one tenant for the fall term. Changes in occupancy for winter and spring terms will be determined as we get closer to those terms. Apartments have bathroom, kitchen, and living space available for the private use of the assigned tenant.

Modular Units: Our three-bedroom units have been limited in capacity to 2 tenants only. Each modular unit is composed of three, single-occupant bedrooms with a shared kitchen, two bathrooms and laundry. Each tenant will have their own bedroom and bathroom with a shared kitchen, laundry, and living space. Modular units are not available for Fall 2020 or Winter 2021.

Bunk Houses: What once accommodated 8 tenants, a bunkhouse is now limited to one occupant only for the fall term. Changes in occupancy for winter and spring terms will be determined as we get closer to those terms. Bunkhouse tenants share a kitchen with one other tenant and dining space with three other tenants in the Dining Hall.

Custodial Procedures:

Enhanced touchpoint cleaning has been implemented throughout the entire HMSC campus. Our cleaning processes have been evaluated and are in line with best practices to address this virus.

Prior to initial occupancy, all housing units are thoroughly cleaned in accordance to COVID 19 protocols. In an abundance of caution, HMSC Housing has also implemented a 7-day hiatus in-between tenants to allow for further germ-expiration.

Sanitation supplies will be available in each unit upon arrival. Each tenant is responsible for additional sanitation supplies throughout their stay and must follow COVID 19 hygiene and sanitation protocols.

Custodial services are not provided within individual units while the space is occupied. It is incumbent on each tenant to keep their units clean and sanitary.

Shared Spaces:

Face coverings MUST be worn in any OSU space on the HMSC campus. All individuals are required to use face coverings in all indoor shared spaces such as hallways, bathrooms, mailrooms, classrooms, and any office space or lab used by more than one person at a time. This requirement applies to shared housing spaces as well, including kitchens and laundry. Face coverings are not required in spaces such as private offices, single bedrooms or closed labs where single occupancy can be guaranteed.
Access to shared laundry and kitchen spaces will be staggered and scheduled. Tenants will work with HMSC Housing Coordinator to assign specific times.

**Recreation and Activities:**
Additional Wi-Fi bandwidth has been installed to allow for personal devices and research studies within individual housing units.

While practicing safe physical distancing and travel arrangements, we encourage our tenants to step outside and partake of Newport’s outdoor opportunities. HMSC is within walking distance to the Yaquina Bay river and estuary, numerous beaches and hiking trails.

**Transportation:**
Single occupant vehicles are suggested for all. If this is not possible, two people per vehicle may be allowed if all occupants wear face coverings during the entirety of travel and distancing and sanitation protocols are followed.

**COVID Plan:**
Should a tenant fall ill, they must immediately call their health care provider, self-isolate and notify HMSC Housing Coordinator to initiate the HMSC Housing COVID Plan. The Plan was created in accordance with CDC guidelines and in collaboration with health and university officials. Dependent on single or double occupant living arrangement, the tenant may quarantine in place or may be moved to another isolation space. If a presumed COVID 19 case is confirmed, Lincoln County Health officials will assume authority.

All tenants should be prepared with 14-days’ worth of food and supplies in case quarantine is necessary.

**HMSC COVID Commitment:**
Hatfield Marine Science Center is comprised of a close-knit community, a marine research family of sort. We value and respect each other’s health and wellbeing. We are committed to following all COVID 19 distancing and hygiene protocols in order to ensure the health of ourselves, and all others on the HMSC campus.

Visitors to HMSC will be asked to complete the COVID Commitment form, agreeing to adhere to Safe Behavioral Practices:

- Social Distancing (specifically, staying 6 feet away from others when you must go into a shared space)
- Frequently washing hands or use alcohol-based (at least 60% alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Wearing cloth face coverings in shared spaces
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Staying home when sick and notifying health care professional, in conjunction with HMSC Housing Coordinator.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces within individual living spaces.
- Be respectful!

Access to Hatfield Marine Science is a privilege. Those not following the HMSC COVID Commitment while on premise, including Housing tenants, may have their access revoked immediately.