

Residence Village enhanced quarantine and self-monitoring

At the direction of Denver Department of Public Health and Environment (DDPHE), the University is immediately implementing a two-week quarantine of students in its Residence Village, a community comprising 28 townhomes in four structures. This action affects 137 students.

The DDPHE determined that 57 percent of all positive COVID-19 cases on campus can be traced to the Residence Village, and that classrooms are not a source of spread.

Per a change in DDPHE directive, the University also plans to begin campus-wide surveillance testing starting with the students living in the Residence Village. Plans call for the surveillance testing to eventually include all residential students, student-athletes and commuter students. To date this semester, no employees have reported testing positive for COVID-19. Details of this testing will be announced later this week.



This action is being taken after the University experienced an uptick in cases, reaching 32 current cases as of Tuesday, in the days after the Labor Day holiday weekend. This mirrors an overall increase in cases in the state of Colorado during the same time. The current case rate on campus is presently 1 percent, which is low compared to most other campuses.

The University pivoted most in-person classes to virtual environments, excluding those meeting outside or lab classes, for this week only. That action affected 15 percent of all university classes. All these actions are being taken to quell further spread of the virus in the community.

A quarantine restricts students' movement outside of the Residence Village. A letter to affected students will detail expectations and the penalties if directives are not followed. A quarantine is a hardship and will be difficult, but the University will assist affected students as their quarantine is a vital step to keep them and the university community at large as safe as possible.

Each Residence Village townhome contains three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a common area and a full kitchen. The units typically house between four and six students. It is located on the Northwest Denver campus.