RETURNING TO GRADUATE HOUSING
A quick guide to plan your return home.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO RETURN?

MIT graduate students must meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for approval to return to campus to live in their 2019-2020 graduate housing assignment.

1. Eligible to register for the summer or fall 2020; AND
2. Eligible to remain in housing beyond July 31, 2020 with a signed license agreement for the 2020-2021 academic year.

If you do not meet the criteria but would like to return, please see the next page.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?*

1. Submit a request to return to on-campus graduate housing. If you don’t meet the criteria to return and are experiencing a hardship, see next page.
2. Receive a confirmation email with your date of return and additional information. Do not make travel plans before receiving a confirmation.
3. Sign temporary housing license agreement through the MyHousing portal.
4. Return to campus on your confirmed arrival date. Housing staff will provide access to your room.
5. Receive a COVID-19 test at no cost from MIT Medical within 24 hours of arriving on campus.
6. After COVID-19 test confirmation, receive your room keys from the front desk of the residence.
7. Receive a second COVID-19 test 7 days later OR remain in self-quarantine for 14-day period.

*Please click here for complete details about returning to live on campus.

WHEN CAN I COME BACK?

STAGE 1: As of Wednesday, May 20, 2020

- Students who would like to collect their belongings (and not return to live) may begin scheduling returns to campus with their House Operations Manager.
- Eligible residents of efficiencies, one-bedroom apartments or two-bedroom family housing may initiate moves back to campus.

STAGE 2: As of Monday, June 15, 2020

- Eligible residents of multi-occupant apartment-style graduate housing may initiate moves back to campus.

STAGE 3: To Be Determined

Eligible residents of dormitory-style graduate housing (70 Amherst, Ashdown House 3-bedroom suites, and Sidney-Pacific quad apartments) may initiate moves back to campus (i.e. living areas with shared hall kitchens and bathrooms).
Your safety is our priority.

**HOW DO I SELF-QUARANTINE?**

The self-quarantine process limits a person’s movement during the period when it is unclear whether they have the virus. If a person is quarantining, they will be instructed to limit their movements outside of their room for up to 14 days. If they need to pick up food or a package at the desk, they will be required to wear a face-covering and avoid touching door handles directly or using elevators. Learn more about self-quarantining by visiting MIT Medical’s website.

**WHAT IF I TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?**

Any resident who tests positive for COVID-19 will have the full support and dedicated resources of the MIT community. Campus partners, including staff from MIT Medical and the CARE Team, have developed a comprehensive approach to supporting residents diagnosed with COVID-19 until they fully recover. This includes a temporary on-campus housing relocation depending upon housing type, meal delivery service and other assistance.

**WHAT IF I’M FACING A HARDSHIP?**

Students who do not meet the criteria to return and live in graduate housing may request an exemption to return. Hardship applications will be considered by a team across the Division of Student Life and granted on a case-by-case basis.

**UPDATED HOUSING POLICIES**

Residents who return to on-campus graduate housing will be required to adhere to all current COVID-19 emergency housing policies. These policies are in effect across all graduate residences to help reduce community spread of COVID-19 through person-to-person contact. Some of these policies include but are not limited to:

- Residents must practice physical distancing
- Face coverings are required in residential common areas and public spaces

**NOTE:** This document was published on June 11, 2020. Given the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, this information may change. Please click here for the most up-to-date information and responses to frequently asked questions.

**HOW DO I RECEIVE A TEST?**

COVID-19 testing for residents is available at MIT Medical from Monday through Friday during the hours listed below (times may be impacted during holidays).

- 8:00 am – 9:30 am
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Please visit the testing area through the outdoor courtyard along Ames Street. No appointment necessary.

**NOTE:** Residents should not return to campus or MIT housing if they are sick, experiencing symptoms, or are in the process of being treated for COVID-19 at the time of their scheduled return.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions, please email gradhousingcovidsupport@mit.edu and a member of the Housing & Residential Services team will respond to your inquiry. Please click here for further details about returning to live on campus, including information about returning to retrieve your belongings (and not to live).