Welcome

The Department of Housing & Residence Life welcomes you to campus housing at Lander University for the Fall 2020 semester!

This newsletter contains several pieces of important information to assist you in preparing for your arrival on campus as well as some information to assist you when you move in.

Move-In Day

In the wake of COVID-19, the Department of Housing and Residence Life is revamping move-in day with the comfort and safety of our students and guests in mind. Rather than a traditional move-in process, move-in will take place between Monday, August 10 through Sunday, August 16.

Move-in will be by appointment. Students may sign up for an appointment at this link: https://signup.com/go/NePiZMd

The half hour increment that you choose is the time frame that you should plan to pick up your room key. Keys will be issued behind the fountain in front of the Cultural Center. Students should enter via the University’s main entrance.

The steps below will guide you through move-in:

1. Sign up for an appointment at the link above.
2. Arrive during the time frame selected.
3. Upon arrival, present the enclosed sheet to the staff member/volunteer assisting you. Do not get out of your vehicle. All keys and move-in materials will be issued directly to you in your car. If you do not have a sheet, present a valid form of ID (Lander ID, Driver’s License, etc.)
4. Once you have received your key and move-in packet, you will proceed to your assigned residence hall to unload. Unloading zones will be marked. Once your car is empty, you should move to a parking space to allow others moving in behind you to use the unloading zone.
5. Move into your new home!

In order to observe proper social distancing guidelines and to limit the population density in residence hall common spaces, students will only be permitted to have two (2) individuals with them (family, friends, etc.) during their move-in time to assist in moving items into their building. If you require assistance moving into your room (a volunteer), you may indicate that need when signing up for an appointment and we will do our best to accommodate.

Important Dates

August 10-16
Move-In for All Residence Halls by Appointment

August 11
Meal Plans for Fall 2020 must be changed by 5:00 p.m.

August 17
Classes begin for all students

Meal Plans & Changes

The first meal of the semester will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12 in the Dining Hall. This meal will be covered under your meal plan. All meal plan changes must take place by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11.

While you are welcome to move in on August 10 or 11, it is important to note that meals will not be available as part of your fall meal plan on those dates.

Contract Cancellation

If you are no longer planning to reside on campus for the Fall 2020 semester, you must cancel your contract by August 1. You may do this by sending an email to housing@lander.edu with your name, L#, and request to cancel.
Personal Property Insurance

Be sure to check with your current home-owner's policy to see if it covers damage to your personal property in the residence halls. Per the 2020 – 2021 Housing Contract terms, Lander University is not responsible for any damages to personal belongings. You will receive an email containing an example* of personal property insurance that can be obtained if so desired.

*Please note: Lander University does not endorse any particular carrier for personal property insurance.

Shower Curtains and Rings

Please communicate with your roommates and/or suite-mates regarding shower curtains and rings. Lander University does not provide shower curtains or liners in any residence halls.

For a complete list of what to bring, please visit www.lander.edu/housing. Under the “Community Living & Housing Contract” tab, you will find a link titled “What to Bring”. Again, please communicate with your roommates and/or suite-mates regarding items that you will each be bringing.

Transportation

The Bearcat Shuttle and Lander Line services will resume for Fall 2020. The full schedule, including the start date for service will be included in your move-in packet and is available at www.lander.edu/housing under the “Transportation” tab. Please note that all students riding either the Bearcat Shuttle or Lander Line will be required to wear a mask at all times while in the vehicle. Lander University will provide a hand sanitizing station on each vehicle upon entry.

Lander Alerts & Personal Safety

All students are encouraged to sign up for Lander Alerts. To do so, please log in to the MyLander Portal and click the link for “Lander Alert Messages” under the “Home” tab. Lander Alert will send you text messages and/or emails when there is severe weather in the area and/or any potential dangers on campus.

Lander University makes every effort to provide a safe and secure living environment for all resident students as well as the entire university community. University Police is on patrol 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Professional staff and Resident Assistants live in each residence hall and are available to assist resident students at any time. Desk monitors, security systems, and emergency phones are in place in various residence hall areas and throughout campus. Residence hall entrance doors are locked at all times and are accessible only with the university key issued to the occupant assigned for that specific residence hall and/or room.

Even with all safety resources in place, personal safety begins with each individual member of the Lander University community.

Residence Hall Health & Safety Tips

All students are encouraged to wear a mask in the residence halls when outside of their personal living space. Additional safety measures have been put in place at front desks for the comfort and protection of our students and staff.

We encourage students to bring a shower caddy so that personal toiletry items are not left in the bathroom. Students should also spend considerable time discussing cleaning and guest expectations within their room/suite as these will become part of the roommate and suitemate agreement.

Please do your part to assist in having a healthy and safe living/learning environment!

Safety Practices

Lander Dining Services is committed to the safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff as you prepare to come to campus this fall. We have implemented the following additional safety processes and protocols:

Social Distancing
- Signs and graphics encouraging spacing
- Redesigned "traffic lanes" to facilitate safe movement
- Signage and graphics encouraging spacing for line-spacing

Dining Area Adjustments
- Table and chair configuration adjustments to accommodate spacing requirements

Service Area Adjustments
- Edibles, condiments, and plates provided by Team Member
- Removing potential contamination points including self serve buffets, salad bars, etc.
- Plexiglass barriers at all registers

Hand Hygiene
- Signs and graphics encouraging hand washing
- Increased availability of hand sanitizer stations

Respiratory Hygiene
- All Team Members wear face coverings during operating hours

Cleaning and Sanitation
- Extra and frequent cleaning of all high touch surfaces including door handles, condiment stations, counters, etc.

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Housing Office

Please contact the Housing Office at 864-388-8266 or housing@lander.edu if you need to pick up your key at a different time other than the designated appointment hours or during non-business hours so that arrangements can be made for an alternate pick-up time and location.