



Greetings, returning Terriers!

We are very excited to welcome you back to Hiram College as residential and commuter students this fall.

Please see the information below regarding August move-in dates and other arrival information. This will not be the last email regarding arrival to campus. Be sure to check your Hiram email for more information to come. Residential students will be receiving an email from their Area Coordinators in early August. This email will have information on the residence halls students will be living in, links to suggested packing lists, and move-in tips. If you are still waiting for roommate information, you will be receiving your roommate assignment by July 29 which will give you time to connect and make plans together.

To check-in at Hiram, you must have a status of “cleared” with Student Financial Services (SFS). If you receive email notification that you are not clear, please contact SFS to discuss your status at 330.569.5107. The SFS staff is more than willing to help, so if needed, contact them as soon as possible so that they can advise you and move you along in the process.

It is also important to remember that early arrival is restricted to fall athletes, students working in some capacity with the First-Year program, Resident Assistants, Emerging and Eclectic Scholars, and Ameri-Corp Vista Volunteers. International students who are not fall athletes and need to arrive early will be approved but must contact Nicole Gatrell to make proper arrangements.

We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone in the coming weeks. Should you have questions that are commuter or housing related, feel free to reach out to our office via email at residencelife@hiram.edu or call us at 330.569.5232.

Go Terriers!

James Workman
Associate Director of Residential Education and Commuter Services

COVID TESTING AND ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

As you prepare for your return to campus, below you will find updates related to our COVID-19 arrival procedures. Due to increased levels of transmission across the nation and in Portage County, all students are required to take a rapid COVID-19 test one to two days prior to returning to campus, either at home or at a testing site.

ALL STUDENTS: Please send a clear photograph of your face alongside your negative test result to healthcenter@hiram.edu no later than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to your return to campus.

- **Residential students** must submit a negative test result no later than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to moving into a residence hall.
- **New commuter students** must submit a negative test result no later than Saturday, August 20 at 4:00 p.m. to prepare for commuter check-in on Sunday, August 21 at 3:15 p.m.

- **Returning commuter students** must submit a negative test result by 4:00 pm the day prior to returning to campus for the first time.
- **Current summer residents** will receive additional testing instructions from the Office of Residential Education and Commuter Services.

Find a test:

We recommend students take advantage of the free at-home rapid tests that are available through the federal government at www.covid.gov/tests or in cooperation with your medical insurance plan. Order your tests now and bring them to campus.

Make a plan:

If you happen to test positive, you must complete 5 days of isolation at home before arriving to Hiram and contact the Health Center. If you test positive and you have had COVID in the 90 days prior to arrival, please contact the Health Center directly for further instructions.

We also encourage you to create a COVID-19 infection plan with your roommate and/or suitemates. You should, for example, discuss whether a positive roommate can isolate in the room or if going home for a few days is the better option. Be sure to have that conversation as soon as you connect with your roommate and/or suitemates.

Arrival procedures and guests:

To ensure the successful start of the academic year, we ask that each residential student bring no more than two guests to assist with the move-in process. Only guests wearing masks will be permitted inside the residence halls. Unfortunately, due to increasing risk, our football team will no longer be available to provide assistance with moving personal belongings so please plan accordingly.

Lastly, because we now have more tools against SARS-CoV-2 at our fingertips, including vaccines and masks, we are shifting our COVID-19 prevention strategy to one based primarily on personal responsibility. Thus, we will be starting our year on campus with no mask mandate and no COVID-19 related restrictions on group gatherings. However, we will remain mask-optional so any student who would like to wear a mask is welcome and encouraged to do so.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation and patience with this public health challenge. The College will continue to monitor the ever-evolving landscape of the pandemic and will communicate updates in a timely manner.

RETURNING RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS: MOVE-IN AND ARRIVAL INFORMATION

FALL ATHLETES

Specifics on arrival dates, locations, and times will be sent prior to arrival.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022 – Football arrival is from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Coleman Center.

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022 – Remaining fall athlete arrival (Men's and Women's Soccer, Women's Volleyball, Cheer & STUNT) is from 9 to 11 a.m. in the lobby of Bates Hall (outside of Hayden Auditorium)

REMAINING RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

Monday, Aug. 22, 2022 & Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022

Check-in Times: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Check-in Location: Proceed directly to the lobby in your assigned residence hall to receive your key. If you're checking into the Townhouses, visit the Office of Residential Education and Commuter Services located in Bates Hall to receive your keys. Once unloaded, additional parking is available in the lots located near the dining hall.

RETURNING COMMUTER STUDENTS

Check-in for returning commuter students will be online in eRezLife. You will be sent information regarding this check-in form on August 24th. Commuter students are strongly encouraged to participate in the Student Senate Hoedown on Tuesday, August 23rd, and the Week of Welcome activities starting Wednesday, August 24th. More information is to come by email from Student Senate and the Office of Campus Involvement.