



Black Hills State University - Office of Residence Life

Opening and Move-in Day Fall 2020

BHSU Residence Life is committed to providing a safe and educationally centered living environment for all students. As we plan for, and look forward to welcoming students back to campus in August, that commitment hasn't changed – if anything, it's strengthened. We've amended several policies and procedures and implemented others to address the concerns and challenges associated with Covid-19.

We're excited to have students fill our residence halls again; it hasn't been the same without you. We miss the constant buzz of activity, the energy, and life you bring to our buildings. We know some things will look and feel different this year, but with your help, we can work together to make the upcoming year one of the best.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office, our contact information is below.

BHSU Residence Life

605-642-6464; BHSUResidenceLife@bhsu.edu

Stay safe, healthy, and enjoy the rest of your summer. We can't wait to meet you in August!

Move-in Dates and Times

New Students

	8:00am – 12:00pm	12:00pm – 4:00pm
Sunday, August 16, 2020	Last Names A – M Even Room Numbers	Last Names N – Z Even Room Numbers
Monday, August 17, 2020	Last Names A – M Odd Room Numbers	Last Names N – Z Odd Room Numbers

Returning Students

	8:00am – 12:00pm	12:00pm – 4:00pm
Tuesday, August 18, 2020	Even Room Numbers	Odd Room Numbers

All students will check-in at one central location.

- Drive-Through Check-in conducted in **Jonas Parking Lot** (parade line up)
- Students will receive an envelope with their room key, mailbox key, a map to their residence hall, and some instructions about how to complete their check-in.

What to expect when you arrive at your Residence Hall

- Residence Life staff will be in each residence hall and on their floors to welcome students and help with completing the check-in process
- To help with social distancing and sanitation, BHSU will not provide move-in help this year. Please plan accordingly.
- BHSU is **limiting the number of people students can bring to help them move-in** – a maximum of 3 helpers per student. Please, no individuals with a preexisting condition or is part of a high-risk category (i.e., Children, elderly, those with auto-immune disorders).
- Only pre-approved service animals will be allowed in the residence halls.
- To help safety and sanitation standards, the elevator in Bordeaux Hall will not be in use. If you require the use of the elevator, please contact our office (605-642-6464).

Health, Safety, and Sanitation

- **Masking** – BHSU [requires masks](#) in all indoor public spaces.
 - Students will be provided with a mask. Please plan for campus guests helping with move-in.
- **Social and Physical Distancing** – BHSU Residence Life strongly encourages all individuals to practice social and physical distancing at all times while inside the residence halls.
- **Residence Hall Room Sanitation and Cleaning** – BHSU Facility Services take great pride in their work, ensuring each residence hall room is safe, sanitary, and ready for a resident is their top priority. Our custodial staff uses professional industrial-strength, disinfecting and sanitizing products.
- **Sanitation Kits** – BHSU has provided sanitation kits for each floor/hallway in the residence halls. These kits include hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, and spray disinfectant. These kits will be centrally located on each floor (usually outside of the RA’s door or the laundry room). Do not take these kits to your room; they are for everyone to use as needed.
- **Building Sanitation** – The residential buildings will be sanitized before opening each day and will receive a wipe down midday (between 10:00 am and noon) and a final wipe down before our custodial staff goes home for the day (4:00 pm)
 - Residence Life Staff will wipe down high touch areas several times during the day.
- **Cleaning and Sanitizing after Move-in Day** - BHSU Residence Life encourages all students to bring personal cleaning and sanitizing products for use in their personal space during the semester. Facility Services will disinfect and sanitize communal areas twice a day.
- **Med Kit** – Put together, and bring a first aid kit. For a comprehensive list of possible medical/personal items you might need this fall please see the [August 4th edition of the Campus E-Update](#).

Evening Programming/Floor Meetings

- Floor Meetings will take place in the afternoons of August 16th and 17th at 4:30 pm. They will take place on each floor; please meet in your hallway at 4:30 pm.
 - Residence Life staff will utilize a combination of Zoom breakout rooms and in-person meetings.
 - Email and newsletter from student staff accompanies this meeting
- BHSU Residence Life and BHSU Residence Hall Association (RHA) will host social gatherings for all residents each evening. Be sure to check with your hall staff for specific times and locations.

Communicating With You

- BHSU Residence Life will utilize as many forms of communication as possible moving forward.
- We will email your school email (@yellowjackets.bhsu.edu) and your personal email if available.
- It is important that you check your “yellowjackets” email several times a week.
- All information will be posted on our Facebook pages. Get connected, stay connected!

BHSU Residence Life	@BHSUResLife
BHSU Bordeaux Hall	@BHSUBordeauxHall
BHSU Heidepriem Hall	@BHSUHeide
BHSU Humbert Hall	@bhsuhumberthall
BHSU Thomas Hall	@BlackHillsStateUniversityThomasHall
BHSU Wenona Cook Hall	@BHSUwenonacook
BHSU Yellow Jacket Apartments	@YJapartments

BHSU Covid-19 Information

If you have questions, or need more information about BHSU’s response to Covid-19, please visit our [Covid-19 Response and Information](#) webpage.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q	When is move-in day?
A	BHSU's residence halls will open to new students on August 16 and 17, 2020. Returning students will move in on August 18, 2020.

Q	I don't know my room number, how do I know which day to move in?
A	We email housing and roommate assignments to students using the email address supplied on your housing application and agreement. If you can't find it, check your junk mail folder, sometimes messages get caught by that filter. If you still can't find it, give our office a call (605-642-6464), and we can help you find that information and/or resend the email.

Q	I don't have a housing assignment; how do I get one?
A	<p>If you don't have a housing assignment and would like to live on campus, follow the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete and submit a Housing Application and Agreement. It's a "smart form," as you answer questions and provide more information, more fields will appear.2. Submit the \$100 Housing Deposit.3. Watch your email for your housing assignment. We process housing applications reasonably quickly; you should have a room assignment within a week. <p>A few tips when completing your housing application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students should complete the housing application. We ask questions about your habits and preferences; it's best if that information comes directly from the student.• Answer all questions honestly. We use your responses to match you with a potential roommate; we want you to have the best roommate experience possible.• Submit BOTH your housing application and agreement and housing deposit. Residence Life does not make an assignment without both items.

Q	What if my assigned move-in day doesn't work for me?
A	<p>If, after checking your move-in time, it doesn't work for you, please call the Residence Life Office to schedule another time (605-642-6464). We've discussed several different reasons to allow students to move into the halls outside of their assigned date and time.</p> <p>Residence Life will be as accommodating as we can, but please understand that we're assigning and scheduling move-in times to lessen the number of students and visitors in the residence halls at one time.</p>

Q	What if I need to move in before August 16, 2020?
A	Early Move-in starts on August 14 for students who cannot be accommodated on their specific date (daily rates apply for early move-in). There are specific time slots available for students on the 14 th and 15 th .

Q	What has been done to ensure the residence halls are safe?
A	<p>Like anything in life, nothing is a 100% guarantee, but with your help and cooperation, we're confident that our residence halls will continue to be a safe, healthy, and educational living environment.</p> <p>BHSU Facility Services will sanitize each residence hall two times a day, and there will be sanitizing kits available for student use. These kits will be centrally located on each floor. Additionally, the Residence Life staff will attend to some high touch areas in the evening. Students will be responsible for sanitizing their personal spaces (room/apartment/private bathrooms). Students are strongly encouraged to practice social and physical distancing when possible. Please wear a mask or a face-covering in public when distancing is not possible.</p>

Q	I'm moving in on the 16 th , but classes don't start until the 19 th , won't I be bored?
A	<p>BHSU Residence Life will have several activities you can participate in before classes start on Wednesday. One activity you should be sure to attend is our Green and Gold Days and Welcome Week events and Tuesday's campus orientation for new students. Not only will you have a better grasp of what your classes will look like, but you'll be able to find where your classes are, meet some new people, and hear a message from President Nichols. To make sure you're up to date with all campus activities download the BHSU Campus Activities app.</p>

Q	You plan on emailing my "@yellowjackets.bhsu.edu" email, but I don't have access to that account. What should I do?
A	<p>There are a few things you can do if you don't have access to your "@yellowjackets" email. Your best bet is to visit the BHSU Help Desk webpage. Here you'll find several resources including handy user guides, instructions on how to activate your email, login help, and instructions on how to change/reset your password if you need it.</p> <p>If you're still at a loss, please feel free to send the HelpDesk an email – they're here to help.</p>

Contact Information

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