Housing & Residence Life Weekly Email: July 14, 2020



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Current News

COVID-19 Related Information:

Face Covering

The State of California is now mandating the use of face masks. As we continue to practice social distancing, please remember to wear a mask when in public, including when you are walking through the Housing community. Do not share masks with other students and continue to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds, use hand sanitizer, keep six feet between you and others, avoid touching your face and mouth and stay home as much as possible.

Safe Practices

The State of California is experiencing a rise in COVID-19 cases. We know this is a difficult time and we are weary of social distancing and isolation. With this rise in cases, it is important that we all continue to practice the protocols that have been in place since March. Please do not frequent places where social gatherings are taking place, including restaurants, beaches and parks. Please refrain from nonessential travel as other areas are experiencing more cases as well. Please stay safe but reach out to Housing staff if you have any concerns. If you are not feeling well, please contact the Student Health Center (323-343-3300) or your medical practitioner to discuss your symptoms.

Guest Policy

To promote social distancing as a precaution to reduce the spread of coronavirus, Housing and Residence Life has revised the guest policy to comply with guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the University. Guests are not allowed in the housing community and inside individual apartments. Housing and Residence Life has a priority to support the well-being of our residential students and staff, therefore we have suspended day and overnight visitation privileges until further notice. During this time, we ask that you do not entertain guests in your apartments and in the residential community including other Cal State LA students.

Events and Opportunities

Center for Student Involvement

City of Orgs- Virtual Student Organization Party

• Tuesday, July 14 at 1 p.m.

Looking to find your place here at Cal State LA? Visit the U-SU Plaza to meet representatives of student organizations on campus. Please visit the <u>linktree</u> in the bio of the Center for Student Involvement <u>Instagram</u> account for all virtual program opportunities.

Cross Cultural Centers

Cooking With Veggie Mijas

• Tuesday, July 14 at 7 p.m. What role does food play in activism? How is it a tool for healing? Join Veggie Mijas to learn about food and a plant-based lifestyle through an intersectional lens.

Center for Academic Success

Getting Prepared for Fall Success

 Thursday, August 6 at 12 p.m.
The Center for Academic Success invites you to join our summer webinar series! Register to join the Center for Academic Success today!

Associated Student, Inc.

ASI Book Voucher Program

• Looking to offset the high cost of text books? Then the ASI Book Voucher Program might be just what you are looking for. ASI provides up to 20 students who qualify with a \$300 voucher each Semester. Check to see if you are eligible to apply.

Career Development Center

Virtual Drop-In Advising – Ask an Employer Hour

• Tuesdays at 12 p.m.

Drop-in and ask our employer partners for career advice on topics including interviewing, networking and résumé tips. Visit their website for more information.

Reminders

Need to Print or Make Copies?

The <u>Golden Eagle One Card Office</u> is open if you need to print or make copies. You will need to schedule an appointment by calling (323) 343-6800. They are open M-F from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Building 5 Closure

Building 5 will be closed for sewer line replacement through July 10, 2020. As a result, the Building 5 Laundry Room will also be closed as well as the walkway on the west side of the Dining Commons. To access Buildings 3 and 4, you will be redirected to the walkway through Building 2. For your safety, please do not remove barriers or enter restricted areas.

Meal Options

The Dining Commons is closed for the summer. Below you will find resources that will help you get food on and off-campus.

The Spot

The Spot is located in the Golden Eagle Food Court on campus. They offer a variety of meal options at an affordable price and also have snack items, pack and go dinners (to warm up at home), and household supplies all can be <u>pre-ordered online</u> and picked up at The Spot. Students will now have access to purchase meals (Credit and Debit card only), at "The Spot". Hours of Operations: Monday - Friday 8: a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For those experiencing food insecurity and are in need of other forms of food assistance please see resources offered below by our Dean of Students Office through the Cal State LA Basic Needs initiative.

CalFresh

Nationally known as the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), CalFresh supports the nutritional needs of low-income California residents. Students who are eligible to receive CalFresh benefits can purchase food through an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. To inquire about and seek assistance with the Cal Fresh/Los Angeles County DPSS application process please contact the staff at the CalFresh Outreach Center.

List of Resources

The Dean of Students office has compiled a list of resources on campus and in the surrounding community that can help with food security, emergency housing, financial support, mental health, and more. We encourage you to review our <u>Student Resources web page</u> for additional support.

Community Safety Over the Summer

With fewer residents on campus, keep in mind the following safety tips to prevent theft and keep yourself safe:

- Make sure the door to your apartment is locked at all times.
- Keep your windows and patio door closed and locked, especially if you are on the first floor, even when you are home.
- Don't let anyone into your apartment who you don't know.
- Keep your keys on you at all times. If you lose your keys, report it immediately to the Office of Housing and Residence Life in order to have the lock changed.
- Be smart with your car. Always keep it locked. If you don't drive it every day, check on it periodically and move it occasionally so it does not appear abandoned.
- Always walk with others. At night, when on campus, call the campus escort at 323-343-3700.
- Add emergency numbers to your cell phone: Campus Police (323) 343-3700 and the RA on Duty (323) 343-4807. Remember, 9-1-1 connects you to the Highway Patrol. Use this if you are away from campus. If you are on or near campus, use the number for Campus Police for faster response.
- Put your credit-card companies' phone numbers in your cell phone. If your wallet is stolen, you'll need the numbers to cancel your credit cards.

Questions? Contact us at askhousing@calstatela.edu.

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