Residential Life and Housing

New Student Orientation
2022
Here at VCU we have **Residence Halls** not “dorms.”
Today's Topics:

- Residence Hall Staff
- Safety in the Residence Halls
- COVID-19 Safety
- Isolation & Quarantine
- Residential Hall Policies
- Roommates
- Amenities
- Renter’s Insurance
- Residential Hall Mail & Packages
- Residence Hall Schedules
- Leadership Opportunities
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- Our Website
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Staffing

- Resident Assistant (RA)
- Area Administrative Assistant
- Hall Director (HD)
- Hall Staff
Safety in the Residence Halls

- Information Desks are staffed 24 hours/day
- Single entrance to all residence halls
- Card Access
- Guest Policy
- Health and Safety Inspections
- Smoke Detectors/Fire system
- Text Alerts: alert.vcu.edu/signup
- LiveSafe Mobile App
COVID-19 Safety

- It is recommended all students be fully vaccinated against influenza and COVID-19 (primary series and boosters). Documentation for these vaccines may be submitted to the Student Health Web Portal.
- Full-time students should complete the electronic VCU Certificate of Immunization Form posted to their student health web portal AND upload proof of required vaccinations.
- Residents must follow Student Health’s guidance on isolation and quarantine.
- All residents should have an isolation and quarantine plan and prepare a 5-day isolation and quarantine kit.
- Residents are highly encouraged to go home to isolate or quarantine except in cases where public transportation would be required for travel.
Isolation & Quarantine Protocols

Residents who are in isolation or quarantine will...

1. Contact Student Health Services via the COVID-19 Hotline at (804) 692-6843 and follow all guidance provided.
2. Isolate or quarantine in their assigned residence hall bedroom until authorized by Student Health to return to in-person activities.
3. Make and use their own personal isolation and quarantine plan and kit.
4. Leave the room only when masked, and for essential errands such as medical appointments or food purchases.
Residents should prepare an isolation and quarantine kit including the following items needed for a 5-day isolation/quarantine:

### Medications & Supplements
- Thermometer
- Create an emergency medication list with dosage
- Several days’ worth of prescription medications
- Over the counter medications and supplements such as fever/pain reducers, sore throat lozenges and cough medications

### Hygiene Items
- Five well-fitted medical grade masks as recommended by CDC guidance
- Toiletries
- Feminine products
- Cleaning supplies to wipe down and disinfect high touch surfaces (doorknobs, faucets, light switches)

### School Items
- Writing utensils such as notepads, pencils, pens, etc
- Art supplies, music Instruments and other specialized equipment needed for school work

### Self-care Items to Support Overall Well-being
- Puzzles
- Crafts
- Playing cards
- Portable exercise equipment (like fitness bands, hand weights, or yoga mat)
- Books
Residence Hall Policies

Student Code of Conduct

Guide to Residential Living
Partnering For Success

Roommates
- Roommate Agreements
- Healthy Communication is key

Roommate Conflicts
- Remember, it’s normal!
- Students can reach out to the RA or HD for assistance
Amenities

- Furnished Rooms
- Resident Community Space
- Inclusive Laundry
- Wi-Fi and Ethernet
- Streaming Services
# Streaming Services

## Rhoads, Brandt, Honors, Gladding Residence Center III, and West Grace South

**Streaming Service:**

Cable is not provided. Residents can access movie services at [movies.vcu.edu](http://movies.vcu.edu), and any personal streaming services on a computer or mobile device, or on TV via a student-provided Roku device, Apple TV, or smart TV connected to the wireless network.

## Gladding Residence Center ONLY

**TV Service:**

Watch cable TV with no additional equipment required, via a student-provided coax cable.

## All Residence Halls

All halls have internet movie services available to stream at [movies.vcu.edu](http://movies.vcu.edu). Apple TV, Alexa, Rokus (any model) are allowed on the wireless network.
Renter’s Insurance

- Renter’s Insurance is highly recommended, as VCU is not financially liable for damages or loss that occur to the personal property of students.
- Check to see if your student is covered by your homeowner’s insurance policy.
- Renter’s Insurance through GradGuard is offered in the housing application.
Residence Hall Mail & Packages

- Mail is delivered to each Mail & Package Center on campus and processed by RLH staff.
- Mail & Package Center Locations:
  - Rhoads/Brandt
  - Gladding Residence Center/Gladding Residence Center III
  - 207 N. Laurel Street
- Mail and packages must be addressed properly for timely delivery.
- When a package is ready for pickup, the resident will receive an email from reshallmail@vcu.edu.
  - A delivery notification from a carrier (USPS, UPS, FedEx, DHL) or a vendor (Amazon, etc.) does not mean that the package is available for pickup, it must be processed first.
- Questions?
  - Visit housing.vcu.edu/help/mail or email reshallmail@vcu.edu.
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Brandt, Rhoads, GRC & GRC III packages & mail are delivered directly to each hall.

Honors & WGS packages & mail are delivered to the Residence Hall Package Center on campus.
Residence Hall Schedules

**Brandt, Gladding Residence Center, Gladding Residence Center III, Honors, & Rhoads**

**Fall Break:** Closes Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 10 a.m. and re-opens on Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 10 a.m.

**Winter Closing:** Residents must vacate their residence halls within 24 hours after their last final exam or by Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 10 a.m., whichever comes first, as stated in their housing contract.

**Spring Break:** Closes Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 10 a.m. and re-opens on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 10 a.m.

**West Grace South**

Remains open for **Fall Break, Winter Closing, and Spring Break.**

**All Halls**

**Spring Year-end Closing:** Residents must vacate their residence halls within 24 hours after their last final exam or by Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10 a.m., whichever comes first, as stated in their housing contract.
Leadership Opportunities

- Community Council
- Residence Hall Association (RHA)
- National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)
Residence Hall Association

RHA serves as a communication line for residential students to meet other residents from the various residence halls on campus, as well as across the state and nation. It is a way for students to become actively involved in the residential community, develop leadership skills, communicate ideas, voice the opinions and concerns of their respective halls, and make sure that students have a voice on the policies and issues that affect them.

Opportunities to Take Advantage of RHA & Give Back

- Micro-Fridge (Rhoads/Brandt)
- Linens
- Carpets
Residence Hall Move-in

Move-in Dates

- Thursday, August 18
- Friday, August 19
- Saturday, August 20

Students will receive information about signing up for a move-in time slot later this summer.

What to expect...

- Color Code Signage for each building
- Unloading Zones for drop off and unloading
- On-campus parking deck for long-term parking
- Wait times and lines for elevators
- Limited carts will be provided
Move-in Tips

- Make move-in easy by bringing your own hand truck or cart
- Be selective about what you bring - the more you pack, the more you have to move
- Communicate and coordinate with roommates to make sure you do not bring duplicate items (no need for two TVs)
- Remember to bring your VCUCard or a state-issued ID with you to check in
- Streets and curbs are for unloading only
- Label all items with name, room number, and contents
- Do not leave items unattended at any time
- Move-In is hard work; remember to stay hydrated!
Residence Hall Move-in

Do’s & Don’ts

**Do’s:**
- Label your belongings
- One vehicle per resident
- Bring a cart/dolly
- Be prepared to be outside (sunscreen, comfy shoes, clothing to move-in)
- Limit the number of guests to the recommended 3 people, that is the number of wristbands you will receive

**Don’ts:**
- NO trailers or U-Hauls
- NO pets (unless service animal or approved comfort animal)
- NO outside furniture/mattresses
- DO NOT arrive before 9 a.m.
- DO NOT bring unnecessary guests, they will have to wear wristbands until 8 p.m. and be registered as a guest after that point
Our Website

The Residential Life and Housing Website is your resource for important information, policies, helpful tips, and more!

[HOUSING.VCU.EDU](http://HOUSING.VCU.EDU) check it out!
The Help Center

The Help Center is located at the bottom of each page of the housing website.

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