Monday, June 29, 2020

Dear Bobcats,

We are looking forward to your arrival to the Texas State University campus in August! Our preparations are underway and I am happy that you will be joining us. This email is the first message related to your on-campus housing experience for the 2020-2021 academic year. So much has changed in the last six months; my goal for today’s email is to give you an overview of some very important items and guide you to our new webpage where you will begin to receive additional information to help you in your planning. Only students who have an actual hall/apartment and room assignment are receiving this email.

The attached document provides you with our move-in dates, outlines our process for signing up for one of those move-in days, and some additional information that will help you in planning for move-in. We know you will have questions, so have also created an FAQ page that should begin to answer those questions, especially about how we are preparing our staff and our residential facilities for your arrival.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to say that your welfare and safety is critical to our mission; we have consulted with our medical experts, scoured the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and sought guidance from others at other universities and in our professional associations. With all that knowledge, it still comes down to one critical component – YOU! You are the most important piece of the stay-safe efforts that we are putting into place. Texas State University has developed overall plans for interactions inside and outside the classroom; you can find that information outlined in the new ROADMAP TO RETURN webpages, linked here.

On those webpages, the Top 10 Health Guidelines are defined, along with a number of elements related to academic and student life. Perhaps the most valuable tool you can use is the BOBCAT PLEDGE, found here. The BOBCAT PLEDGE is a promise you’ll make to yourself – and to those around you – to stay safe for your own benefit and to exhibit care and concern for others through the actions you take!

Now...on to the really important information...Move-In and life in on-campus housing once you arrive! Please see the attached document for the move-in schedule, how to sign up for your move-in appointment and other general information. We will continue to keep you posted as we further develop our plans, so continue to watch your email and keep checking our webpages and social media.

Sincerely,

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This letter is an electronic communication from Texas State University.
The dates for move-in are set—and instead of our usual two-day move-in process, we've had to stretch it out to four days to manage for physical distancing and an increased number of guests. Please read carefully to learn more about our process—and how you will sign up for your appointment to arrive!

**MOVE-IN DATES & TIMES**

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We’ve analyzed our move-in records from the last several years and we expect over 5,600 of our incoming freshmen will move in over these four days. We believe the best way to provide an orderly approach will be to offer 16 30-minute arrival appointments each day for each residence hall and Bobcat Village Apartments. That will allow us to get everyone in, safely and with a little elbow room. If you want to see the actual breakdown for each hall, visit: reslife.txstate.edu/future/movein/info

**HOW TO SIGN UP FOR A MOVE-IN DATE & ARRIVAL APPOINTMENT**

You will need to sign up for a date and arrival time at the following times, based upon your student ID number. This sign up process will allow approximately 1,200 people to go on-line each of the five days ahead. While we wish we could provide everyone with their first choice, we will need to adhere to this process.

**SIGN-UP SCHEDULE**

Check to see what are the last two digits of your assigned Student Identification Number (your ID number starts with “A0” and is followed by 7 digits) and then see your sign-up date, below.

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Sign up times start at 9:00 a.m. each day and end at 12:00 midnight each day. Visit the StarRez Housing Portal (bit.ly/TXSTHousingPortal) to sign up online.

If you are unable to sign up on your date as indicated above, you will be able to sign up any time starting on July 9.

**HOW TO PLAN FOR MOVE-IN**

The following information is provided to help you plan for your travel to San Marcos and the move-in process. Much more information is contained on our website at reslife.txstate.edu/future/movein

1. Please plan to arrive on-time, as best as you are able. If you arrive early, please make arrangements to wait in a location away from the residence hall; you will not be permitted to check in until your time begins.

2. You may bring up to two helpers and they must be 16 years or older.

3. We will not be providing assistance in unloading your vehicle or moving your items into the halls. Moving Carts will not be available; we encourage you to bring a small hand cart, if you need more mobile assistance. Pack your belongings in smaller, more manageable boxes and suitcases. Consider leaving your winter clothing until later in the semester.

4. The University requires all individuals to wear face coverings while inside any university building; all individuals in your move-in group will be required to wear face coverings at all times when you are inside of any residence hall.

5. Please do not bring any additional furniture (futons, upholstered chairs, game tables, etc.).

6. **POLICY CHANGES:**
   a. Each resident may bring one small (2.5 cu ft) refrigerator OR two residents may share a larger (4.6 cu ft) refrigerator.
   b. Each resident may bring one small (700 watt) microwave oven.
   c. If you plan to bring one or both of these items, they MUST be utilized with a surge-protection electrical cord.
   d. The Visitation/Guest Policy has changed. Please see our webpage for specific information about guests after our move-in week.

**AFTER YOUR MOVE-IN DAY**

We are coordinating your move-in with our Bobcat Preview Team; once you have signed up for your move-in day, we will communicate that information with the BP Team and they will be in touch with you about your Bobcat Preview schedule.

For information about what Bobcat Preview is and what your obligations are, please check out their website at bobcatpreview.txstate.edu

More information coming soon.