Thursday, August 13, 2020

Dear 2020 Bobcat On-Campus Residents,

Just a few more days until our official move-in begins. We have been working very hard to prepare for your arrival; our Resident Assistants (RAs) – those students who have been hired to live on every floor in our on-campus housing system – arrived over a week ago and are beginning to wrap up training and get ready to open our doors to welcome you.

This email is our second message related to your on-campus housing experience for the 2020-2021 academic year. Our goal for today’s email is to provide you with some last minute information to help guide you as you make your final preparations to come to San Marcos and to move into your on-campus housing location and join the Bobcat Community!

On Friday, August 14th, freshmen that have signed up for a move-in time will receive their Move-In Ticket via Bobcat email. Be sure to have the move-in ticket email handy (either on your phone, or printed) so we can check you in using the information on this ticket.

In case you have not seen it, some specific information about our COVID-19 preparations in the residence halls and Bobcat Village Apartments and our move-in process is on our Moving In and Getting Settled website. *We ask that you arrive at or very shortly after your scheduled time; if you arrive early, we will not be able to accommodate you. Our plan is to maintain the schedule so that we can practice social distancing and provide a safe check-in for our students and their helpers.*

Freshmen, if you haven’t already done so, you will need to go to the StarRez Housing Portal to sign up for a specific move-in time. Please be sure to review our requirements related to the move-in process [here](#).

Continuing students will move in on Thursday and Friday, August 20th and 21st. Because of the relatively low numbers of continuing students, you will not need a specific move-in time. Except for the move-in schedule, we ask you to familiarize yourself with our move-in process and new policies.

We want to 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 website.

The ROADMAP TO RETURN defines the Top 10 Health Guidelines, along with a number of elements related to academic and student life. Perhaps the most valuable tool you can use is the BOBCAT PLEDGE. 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!

Finally, our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) can be found here. Please take a moment to review these and feel free to share with your family.

We are looking forward to your arrival and to starting a great year.

Sincerely,

The Department of Housing and Residential Life Staff Team