

# EWC COVID-19 Housing Rules

To protect the health and safety of the entire residential community, the EWC has developed a set of COVID-19 housing rules. Students and residents **must** comply with all rules at all times. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the rules below:

**Remember that any one of us could be a carrier. It is your responsibility to take all possible protective measures at all times. Do not wait for a positive COVID-19 case before doing everything you can to protect yourself and others.**

**Masks/Face Coverings:** Masks/face coverings are required on the EWC campus, including all buildings and outdoor areas.

**Masks are required in residence halls:** All EWC residents/students must wear masks/face coverings in all public spaces of EWC residence halls. Public spaces are any area where you may encounter another person, such as kitchens, elevators, lounges, laundry rooms, ice-machine areas, hallways, and the front desk lobby.

**Social Distancing:** Everyone must practice strict social distancing at all times. This means a minimum of 6 (six) feet between people.

**Social Gatherings:** In-person social gatherings of more than three (3) people are not permitted in interior public spaces of the EWC (lobbies, lānai, and so on). Gatherings in outside areas, including Friendship Circle, the Japanese Garden, etc., may not exceed ten (10) people.

**Elevators:** No more than two (2) residents in an elevator at any time and residents must stand at opposite sides of the elevator. Please be patient as you wait for the elevators and keep a safe distance away from others who are waiting.

**Kitchen Rules:** Residents should take every precaution to practice safe social distancing when sharing kitchen areas with others, including wiping down surfaces before and after use. To help facilitate safe social distancing in our community kitchens, we have implemented the following rules:

- Residents may only use the kitchen to which they have been assigned.
- **Hale Mānoa:** No more than five (5) residents at any time. This applies to all kitchens.
- **Hale Kuahine:** No more than four (4) residents at any time in the large (D-Wing) kitchen. No more than two (2) residents in the small (B-Wing or Courtyard) kitchen.
- Residents should limit their time in the kitchen to no more than 45 minutes.
- Masks should be worn at all times while using the kitchens, except when eating.

**Lounges:** The COVID-19 lounge policy is as follows:

- Open hours 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- No more than two (2) people in the main part of the lounge and 1 person on the lānai.
- To allow access for all, 1-1/2 hours maximum use.
- Residents may access water fountains 24 hours/day. Please use fountains for filling cups or water bottles, not for drinking directly.

**Visitors:** Residents are only permitted access to the residence hall in which they reside. This means that Hale Mānoa residents should not be entering Hale Kuahine, and vice versa. Outside visitors and/or guests are not permitted in any EWC housing building. If you notice someone in your building who does not appear to be a resident, please do not hesitate to notify the front desk of Hale Mānoa. Closing our buildings to visitors is the best way to minimize exposure and ensure contact tracing measures will be effective.

**Movement within Residence Halls:** Residents should not be traveling between floors and units in their residence building, especially if it is to use bathrooms outside of their unit and/or kitchens to which they have not been assigned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact [housing@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:housing@eastwestcenter.org)  
Thank you for your cooperation.