

EWC Housing Weekly Update May 12, 2022

This is the final Weekly Covid-19 Update: Today will be the last Thursday update. After today, COVID-19 policy announcements will appear in the weekly Housing Update (every Monday). We only have one update today, but it is a big one!

NEW: East-West Center Visitor Policy: Starting this Friday (May 13), residents will be permitted to host short-term visitors in EWC residence halls (with certain restrictions). To facilitate this change, EWC Housing – in consultation with the residential community -- has developed a *Visitor Policy* which details the time and manner in which residents may host visitors in their rooms or other areas of the residence halls. Highlights of the policy appear below. The full policy document is attached and will be available on the [EWC COVID-19 Policy and Resource Site](#) shortly.

EWC Housing Visitor Policy—Effective May 13, 2022

For the purposes of this policy, a *resident* is someone who is assigned to a room in either Hale Mānoa or Hale Kuahine (i.e. they currently live in an EWC dorm). A *visitor* is someone who is not assigned to a room in either Hale Mānoa or Hale Kuahine (i.e. they do not live in an EWC dorm).

General Visitor Policies

- **Resident Host Responsibility:** A visitor must be signed in at the Front Desk by their resident host before entering the residence hall. Residents are responsible for ensuring that their visitor abides by EWC Housing policies and procedures; residents are accountable for the behavior of their visitor and may be subject to disciplinary action if their visitor violates EWC Housing policy.
- **Number of Visitors:** Each resident may host no more than one (1) visitor at a time.
- **Visitor Hours:** 8:00AM-1:00AM

Visitor Health and Safety Requirements

- ALL visitors must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to enter any EWC residence hall.
- Visitors may be asked by Housing/EWC Staff to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Should a visitor not be able to provide proof of their COVID vaccine, they will be asked to leave the residence hall immediately.
- Residents should verify that their visitor is fully vaccinated before agreeing to host the visitor in their residence hall.

Sign-In/Out Procedure(s)

- **Sign-in** takes place at the Front Desk (both resident and visitor must be present at sign-in)
 - HK residents sign in at the HK Front Desk
 - HM residents at the HM Front Desk
- Front Desk Staff will have the resident/visitor complete the *Visitor Sign-in Log*—the log asks for the following information: resident/visitor name, resident/visitor signature, sign-in/out time.
 - **Note to HK residents:** if the HK Desk is not staffed, the *Visitor Sign-in Log* will be located in an accessible area at the Front Desk. You must still complete the Visitor Sign-In Log, even if no staff is present.
- Visitors will also be required to present a valid photo identification (ID) matching the name they provided on the *Visitor Sign-In Log*. (HK visitors will be required to present valid photo ID when desk staff are present).

- **Note:** the visitor will only be required to *show* their ID to Desk Staff at sign-in. Once staff have confirmed that the name on the ID matches the name on the sign-in log, the ID will be returned to the visitor, and they may enter the building.
- **Sign-Out:** when the visitor leaves the residence hall, they must sign-out at the Front Desk.

To be clear: this *Visitor Policy* is just a starting point—the restrictions will evolve as our community becomes more comfortable with outside visitors and as we see how things progress with the pandemic. Friday will be the first day in over two years that outside visitors will be allowed in EWC residence halls---it will take some getting used to (for both residents and staff). Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact housing@eastwestcenter.org

Vaccination and booster sites:

- Hawai'i: hawaii-covid-19.com/vaccine/
- National: www.vaccines.gov/search/

Resources

- **EWC Notices**
 - [EWC COVID-19 Policy and Resource Site](#)
 - [Positive COVID-19 Test, Symptoms - Procedure for EWC Students](#)
 - [New Travel Policy \(in effect 4/15/22\)](#)
- **COVID-19 FAQs and Emergency Contacts:**
 - EWC Policies and Information: [EWC COVID-19 Policy and Resource Site](#)
 - EWC Housing contact email, which EWC staff regularly and frequently monitor: housing@eastwestcenter.org.
 - EWC Housing phone number: **(808) 944-7960**. For reports on matters of immediate concern, such as residents not complying with social distancing rules or smoking in the building, we urge you to call rather than email, even during working hours.
- **Mental Health:**
 - [Managing Stress](#), from the American Heart Association.
 - Link to UH Mānoa [Counseling and Student Development Center](#).
 - Link to Hawaii Adult Mental Health Division, including CARES hotline: <https://health.hawaii.gov/amhd/>.
 - Resources for staying well from Kaiser Permanente, with self-care tools, tips, and activities: https://healthy.kaiserpermanente.org/health-wellness/mental-health/tools-resources?kp_shortcut_referrer=kp.org/selfcare
 - Information about keeping healthy and boosting your immune system: <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention>
 - EWC Participant Association mental health and stress relief list: [Support Resources for EWC Participants](#)
- **Other Useful Information:**
 - [Hawai'i vaccination strategy](#)
 - Hawai'i: State of Hawai'i Department of Health updates, resources and information (now available in 8 different languages): <https://hawaii-covid-19.com/>

- Hawai'i: Resource from O'ahu Community Resilience with information, links, and FAQs: <https://www.oneoahu.org>
- Symptoms: CDC information about symptoms and protecting yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Distribution:

- All EWC Housing Residents
- Housing Staff
- Covid-19 Task Force (CTF)

Attachments

 [EWC Housing Visitor Policy and Sign-In Procedure 5.13.2022v2.pdf](#)