

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. Residents and staff must adhere to these rules at all times.

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: Effective April 7, 2022, masks/face coverings are no longer *required* inside EWC residence halls.* However, mask wearing remains encouraged, especially when in larger gatherings, in less-well ventilated indoor spaces, or if you believe that you may have symptoms or have been exposed.

***Note:** This policy applies to EWC *residence halls* and Hale Hālāwai. Other buildings at the Center (e.g. Jefferson Hall, Burns Hall, etc.) may have different or additional guidelines. In addition, specific events and activities may set their own requirements and guidelines that require masking. Units, kitchens, and planned activities may decide they would like to set a higher norm or standard for their space or activity. Please be sensitive to these decisions.

Social Distancing: When possible, residents are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing. This means a minimum of six (6) feet between people.

Gatherings: In-person gatherings of more than ten (10) people are strongly discouraged in the interior public spaces of EWC residence halls (lobbies, lānai, and so on). Though there are no limitations on outside gatherings, do practice social distancing.

Elevators: No more than four (4) residents in an elevator at any time.

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 guidelines:

- Masks are encouraged at all times while using the kitchens, except when eating.
- Residents should primarily make use of the kitchen to which they have been assigned.
- Residents visiting other community kitchens should be mindful of the space they are taking up.

Visitors: Hale Mānoa residents are permitted to visit Hale Kuahine, and vice versa. As always, residents must be accompanied by a resident of that building, or be attending a specific activity. HK residents who wish to visit HM may be asked to show their key cards to the front desk staff.

Outside Visitors: Effective May 13, 2022, residents may host short-term visitors in EWC residence halls. Outside visitors must be signed-in at the Front Desk and accompanied by their resident host while in the building.

- Each resident may host no more than one (1) outside visitor at a time.
- Visitor Hours are 8:00AM-1:00AM
- All visitors must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to enter any EWC residence hall

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact housing@eastwestcenter.org