



Out of State Students: Required Two-Week Quarantine Period

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Frequently Asked Questions - First Year Students & Upper Division Students

Newly Updated Information

Am I required to come to campus two weeks early to self-quarantine if I am from out of state?

Yes. Since your permanent address is from out of state and you are traveling to New Mexico by plane or by vehicle, you are required to self-quarantine for 14 days once you arrive per the [Executive Order 2020-054](#) issued by New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

If I am from El Paso, Texas, am I required to come to campus two weeks early to self-quarantine?

Yes. El Paso is also included in the required 14-day quarantine period per the [Executive Order 2020-054](#) issued by New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

When do I need to arrive on campus to comply with the 14-day quarantine time frame?

All out of state students will need to move in to campus housing on July 31 or August 1 in order to comply with the 14-day quarantine requirement before in-state students' move-in. All out of state residents must apply for an out of state early arrival. Once approved, you will need to schedule your move in time. Additional instructions are provided in this document.

If I am from out of state and am unable to arrive on campus on July 31st or August 1st, what do I need to do?

If you are unable to arrive on July 31 or August 1, and:

1. You are assigned in a single suite style room, private room or one-bedroom apartment you may arrive 14 days prior to your first in-person class and meet the 14-day quarantine requirement.
2. You are assigned in an apartment with roommates you may arrive 14 days prior to your first in-person class in order to meet the 14-day quarantine requirement.
3. You are assigned in a double occupancy suite style room with a roommate who has arrived before you arrive you will be assigned a temporary quarantine space, if available. Once the 14-day quarantine period is complete, you will be able to move in to your original housing assignment. If a quarantine unit is not available, you will have to make arrangements to meet the 14-day quarantine requirement off campus at your own expense. If you plan on completing your quarantine off-campus, you must complete the appropriate documentation before you are able to move into your space as stated below.

If I will be quarantining off campus in the state of New Mexico, what kind of documentation do I need to provide?

1. Provide an email statement to housing@nmsu.edu FROM your NMSU email address
2. In the subject line, write "14-Day Quarantine"
3. In the body of your email, include:
 - a. Name:
 - b. Aggie ID#:
 - c. Date of Arrival in New Mexico:
 - d. Start date of quarantine (same day as arrival):
 - e. End date of quarantine:
 - f. A statement from the student indicating they will observe the quarantine protocol of not leaving the place where they've chosen to quarantine from date of arrival for 14 days.

- g. Location of where you are quarantining:
 - i. Staying with friends (name/address?)
 - ii. Staying with family (name/address?)
 - iii. Staying in a hotel (name/address?)
 - h. A statement from the student indicating whether they have experienced any COVID-19 symptoms while in quarantine
4. Please note you will not be able to move in until you have completed your entire 14-day quarantine and provided the above information to the Housing Office.

What are my options for quarantining in my campus residence?

APARTMENT RESIDENTS must arrive 14 days before their 1st in-person class if they live in an apartment community and are going to quarantine in an apartment room.

FIRST-YEAR RESIDENTS WITHOUT A ROOMMATE must arrive 14 days before their 1st in-person class and quarantine in their room.

FIRST-YEAR RESIDENTS WITH A ROOMMATE must arrive no later than August 1st, which is 14 days before the arrival of their in-state roommate on August 14th. **If both roommates agree, they may quarantine together as long as they arrive within 24 hours of one another.**

What if both my roommate and I are from out-of-state?

If both roommates are from out of state and need to quarantine on campus, the first roommate to arrive will quarantine in their assigned room and the second roommate to arrive will quarantine in a temporary housing location, if available. If a quarantine unit is not available, you will have to make arrangements to meet the 14-day quarantine requirement off campus at your own expense. If you plan on completing your quarantine off-campus, you must complete the appropriate documentation.

Alternatively, if both roommates agree, they may quarantine together as long as they arrive within 24 hours of one another.

If you wish to quarantine with your roommate, both roommates must email housing@nmsu.edu from your NMSU email address with the following information:

1. Write "Roommate Quarantine Agreement" in the subject line
2. Name
3. Aggie ID#
4. Residence Hall and Room Number/Bed Number/Letter
5. Name of Roommate (Please keep in mind your "roommate" is the individual whom you share a bedroom with and have the same room number association). This agreement does not pertain to any suitemates on the other side of your space.
6. Arrival Date
7. Statement saying you and your roommate agree to quarantine together during the required 14-day period and will follow appropriate health and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

How do I request an early arrival and schedule a check in appointment?

1. To schedule your early arrival, log in to your MyHousing account and submit an Early Arrival form for out-of-state students.
2. Once that is complete, Housing staff will review and let you know, via email, to log in and choose the date and time (July 31 or August 1, between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.) of your scheduled move-in appointment. All students moving in to campus housing will be required to schedule a move-in appointment, in advance, and arrive on time to check in and begin quarantine. Upper division students will quarantine in their apartment.

I have already submitted my request for early arrival on July 31st or August 1st and I need to change the date. How do I submit a new date request?

Once you have been approved for an early arrival and have scheduled your check in appointment through the MyHousing portal, you will be able to change your appointment for July 31st or August 1st through the portal up until July 26th, 2020. After that date, changes are not allowed.

If you are an out of state student and are requesting a date other than July 31st or August 1st, please submit your request to housing@nmsu.edu and include the requested date and reasoning. These decisions are based on a variety of factors, and may be denied due to quarantine restrictions.

Where do I check in when arriving for my self-quarantine?

Housing & Residential Life has established a safe and convenient way for residents to check in over a two-day period to be in alignment with public health and safety guidelines. Check ins for all of-out-state students arriving two weeks early, will take place on July 31st and August 1st during your scheduled check in time at the following locations:

North Campus Service Desk located in the lobby of Garcia Hall: For Juniper, RGH, Pinon and Garcia residents

Chamisa Service Desk: For Chamisa residents. The office is located in the one-story building in the middle of the apartment complex

South Campus Service Desk – 1410 Center Drive: For Vista Del Monte (VDM) & Cervantes residents

Masks are REQUIRED and proper social distancing measures must be followed

Each resident is allowed ONLY 2 GUESTS to assist with move in

If I am an out of state student and am required to come to campus two weeks early, will I be billed for those two weeks?

No. There is no additional fee for early arrival students from out of state that are required to complete the 14-day quarantine period. Any student coming to campus early for any reason other than the quarantine requirement, will be financially responsible for their stay based on a daily rate.

If I am an out of state student and am required to come to campus two weeks early, will food be provided?

Meal delivery will be available with your dining meal plan. Upper Division students living in apartments without a meal plan must provide their own food.

What are the expectations for self-quarantine once I arrive and am in my residence hall?

Once you arrive on campus, you are expected to quarantine and not leave your room or apartment. During the 14-day quarantine period, you are **expected** to remain in your room or apartment except for exercise.

- If you must answer the door for a staff member, you must wear a mask. **Maintain social distancing at all times.**
- Visitors are not allowed in your room or apartment during quarantine. This includes parents, family, friends, teammates, fellow students and significant others.

- Wipe high touch surfaces such as door knobs, light switches, kitchen and bathroom surfaces with disinfecting wipes on a regular basis.
- Practice healthy hand hygiene by washing hands frequently with soap and water.
- **Maintain social distancing at all times.**
- We encourage you to get fresh air and exercise outside while wearing a mask. You must be by yourself while exercising. **Take this opportunity to locate your classroom buildings, the bookstore, dining and recreational space that will be available after quarantine.**
- You may also leave your room or apartment while wearing a mask to take out the trash to the appropriate receptacles outside of our residence halls.
- **Follow all instructional signs, i.e., entrance only, exit only, one-way foot traffic.**
- **Do not use common spaces like lounges, kitchens or lobbies during the 14-day quarantine period.**

Additional information in regards to self-quarantine expectations will be provided.

You should conduct a self-screening daily during quarantine and report by phone to the [Aggie Health & Wellness Center](#) (575-646-1512) or your primary healthcare provider if you develop symptoms of COVID-19.

Am I able to get a COVID-19 test once I arrive?

NMSU is working to arrange voluntary COVID-19 testing in the 3-5 days after your arrival. You must bring your vaccination records and health insurance information, which will be needed in the event testing becomes available. The Aggie Health and Wellness Center staff will assist with information on testing and where to provide your vaccination records and health insurance information.

Currently you may go to Memorial Medical Center for COVID-19 testing. Please bring your driver's license and insurance card with you.

If I have recently taken a COVID-19 test and have tested negative, will I still need to quarantine if I am from out of state?

Yes. Even if you have tested negative on a recent COVID-19 test, you will still need to quarantine for 14 days to adhere to the [Executive Order 2020-054](#) issued by New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

What happens after my 14-day quarantine period is over?

After the 14-day quarantine period is complete, you are expected to wear a mask anytime you leave your room or apartment and continue to practice safe social distancing guidelines. Each resident is expected to adhere to the New Mexico State University COVID-19 Safety Commitment provided in the [NMSU Ready Document](#).

Residents are also expected to adhere to all information in the [NMSU Housing & Residential Life Resident Handbook](#) including:

Guests are not allowed in first year residence halls and single-student apartments during the COVID-19 health emergency. Guests and visitors are defined as parents, family, friends, teammates and fellow students. Please understand this is a safety measure for your health and the health of your community. You will be notified via email if this guest restriction is lifted. This restriction does not apply to Student Family Housing.

This measure will remain in place until further notice. Violation of this policy puts your health and the health of other residents at risk and may result in a referral through the student conduct process.

After the quarantine period is over, will I be able to travel home to El Paso, or other cities in New Mexico on the weekends?

During the COVID-19 health emergency, you may not leave campus except for essential activities only (grocery shopping, doctor visits, etc.).

What happens if a student in a residence hall tests positive for COVID-19?

We will follow health and safety protocols related to positive COVID-19 tests that could include moving students to isolation housing units.

What to do if I start showing symptoms or receive a positive test during my quarantine? After quarantine?

Please contact the [Aggie Health & Wellness Center](#) immediately at (575) 646-1512 to report your symptoms or if you have tested positive for COVID-19.