

Move-In fall 2022: focus on safe arrival and updated COVID-19 protocols

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Students will arrive to campus for the fall 2022 semester with updated COVID-19 protocols. Move-In 2022 will take place through Saturday, Aug. 20. (Photo by Rusty Costanza)

Classes begin Monday, Aug. 22, and the Tulane uptown campus is already busy with students arriving and moving into their residence halls. The start of the academic year comes with excitement and anticipation; it also comes with updated COVID-19 protocols and a streamlined move-in process.

Updated fall 2022 COVID-19 protocols

Recent COVID-19 cases among Tulane’s highly vaccinated student population have been asymptomatic or have resulted in mild symptoms, resembling cold or flu cases. Given the lack of severity of the COVID-19 symptoms among our students, residential students who test positive will no longer be required to isolate in off-campus hotel rooms; they will isolate in place in their residence halls or in another appropriate setting of their choosing. (Students in this situation can reference this [updated guide to isolation and quarantine protocols](#).)

The university will also stop conducting random sample, asymptomatic surveillance testing of its population but will continue to conduct symptomatic testing and contact tracing. Students who experience COVID-19 symptoms should wear KN95 masks and limit interactions. It is recommended that all students bring to campus their own supply of KN95 masks. Currently, in alignment with City of New Orleans guidelines, indoor masking is strongly encouraged for everyone.

Tulane’s residence hall visitation policy will return to its pre-COVID-19 policy, permitting residential students to have both student and non-student guests, except during “High Priority Periods.” Students and guests must adhere to the [Code of Student Conduct](#) and all other residence hall policies.

Like last year, before returning to Tulane for the fall 2022 semester, all students — undergraduate, graduate and professional — are required to take a COVID-19 test and must upload results to their [Campus Health Patient Portal](#). Students who test positive should complete the [COVID-19 Reporting Form](#). See [instructions for submitting documentation of your pre-arrival COVID-19 test](#) to Campus Health.

Students, along with faculty and staff, are still required to submit proof of receipt of the COVID-19 vaccine and recommended booster(s) per CDC guidance. (View the [Tulane COVID-19 vaccine policy](#) here.)

“We know that COVID is still with us and we must continue to follow the best public health guidance from federal, state and local health officials,” said Dean of Students Erica Woodley. “The past two years have taught us that anything can happen, so we remain prepared to respond and readjust our protocols and policies in reaction to changing circumstances.”

Move-In/arrival procedures

Move-In 2022 will take place for first-year and new students Monday, Aug. 15, through Wednesday, Aug. 17. Returning students will move in Thursday, Aug. 18, through Saturday, Aug. 20. Over the summer, students were assigned 30-minute time slots and QR codes for arrival and check-in on their respective move-in day. Once students check-in during their time slot, they have the rest of the day to get settled into their residence halls.

When arriving to campus in vehicles, students and their families are asked to enter the uptown campus from South Claiborne Avenue and proceed to the check-in queue on Ben Weiner Drive. Once at the check-in area, students' codes will be scanned, and they will receive their check-in materials, such as Splash cards, residence hall room keys and move-in parking passes. Parking will be available in the Diboll Parking Garage. Students' vehicles must be moved from the garage by 10 p.m. on their move-in day to provide parking for other students for their move-in day.

Once parked, students can take their belongings to their residence halls. Housing and Residence Life staff will be available on Brown Field, adjacent to the parking garage, if assistance is needed.

Over the summer, students were asked to utilize the Ship-to-Room program via Mail Services to ship most of their items to campus ahead of time. Items that were shipped during the designated shipping window will be delivered to rooms prior to students' arrival. Students who missed this shipping window will pick up their packages from a central location on move-in day. More instructions on package pick-up will be provided prior to move-in.

To see frequently asked questions about Move-In 2022, visit the [Fall Move-In Guide from Housing and Residence Life](#).