

Hello Pitzer Students,

We in Residence Life wish everyone well and thank everyone for their assistance during our quick closure of the residence halls in March. We know it was a stressful and sudden process and your ability to manage such a transition was amazing. In response to the residential closure due to COVID-19 we recognize that many annual processes have been severely disrupted for you, and we want to provide an update to the housing selection process in an effort to increase transparency and general knowledge of our procedures.

We recognize that housing selection has been a historically stressful process during the best of times, this **weekly update** is written in the hopes to lessen that stress for our community.

Trends and Changes – Due to Pitzer’s ongoing commitments to financial and environmental sustainability, the residence halls were built with a finite number of single rooms and total beds across campus. Recognizing the increase of the first-year class, as well as the inability to foresee potential disruptions to fall study abroad plans, the following guidelines/updates have been determined for the remainder of the Housing Selection process.

1. Fall Study Abroad

- a. We recognize that students who are planning to study abroad for fall semester are facing a lot of uncertainty. However, in order to fairly prioritize students that are planning to live on campus for Fall 2020, we are requiring those **students who are seeking to participate in Housing Selection to formally decline/defer their Fall 2020 Study Abroad plans with the Study Abroad and International Programs Office no later than Sunday, April 12.**
- b. Students who still plan to Study Abroad during Fall 2020 will not be eligible to participate in Housing Selection on the current timeline. Should Study Abroad plans change throughout the spring or summer, students will be placed on the deferred housing waitlist and provided double beds as they are available.

2. Off Campus Applications

- a. The initial deadline for off campus applications is today, Friday, April 3rd, 2020 and notifications will be provided in the immediate future. From this point on, Off Campus applications will be still be considered on a rolling basis and approved as space allows. Due to Pitzer’s limits in residential occupancy, **students seeking to live off campus are encouraged to reach out to housing@pitzer.edu** to change their Fall 2020 housing application, if interested.

3. Single Room Availability

- a. Students participating in the Housing Selection process will continue into the Roommate Group and Room Explore phase on Monday, April 20th and the Selection phase on Monday, May 4th. These students will find available single rooms only in the Mead and Claremont Collegiate Apartments (CCA) complexes. This is due to the nature of our residential buildings, enrollment growth, and pre-placement applications. As a reminder, sophomores are only eligible for singles at CCA (unless approved for an accommodation due to disabilities).

- b. Additionally, due to Pitzer and CCA's suite, and apartment, style living, all students must be in roommate groups in order to be able to select a single room within a suite. Individual students (who are not part of our pre-placement process due to disability accommodation) will need to form Roommate Groups in order to select spaces.
- c. Approved pre-placement applications will be notified of their approval/denial on Friday, April 10th. Next, approved pre-placement students will be assigned their room by Residence Life and be notified of their room assignment on Friday, April 17th.

4. Claremont Collegiate Apartments

- a. Due to the reasons listed above, and to increase accessibility of single rooms to students, the CCA selection process will be combined with main campus selection. CCA will be available to all students to explore and, eventually, select. As a reminder, suites and apartments are reservable in order of group selection time. Roommate groups must be the exact size of a suite/apartment at the moment of selection. CCA apartments come in 3 Bedroom and 2 Bedroom sizes. All rooms are singles and charged at the same single rate.

Upcoming Dates

- Phase 1: Applications
 - Off Campus applications due today, rolling afterwards.
 - Pre-placement applications due today.
 - Pre-placements notified of approvals: Friday, April 10
 - Pre-placements notified of room placement: Friday, April 17
 - Main Campus and CCA applications are due: Monday, April 13
- Phase 2: Roommate Groups and Room Explore
 - Roommate Groups and Room Explore begins: Monday, April 20
- Phase 3: Selection
 - Combined CCA and Main Campus Selection: Monday, May 4 – Friday, May 8

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