Effective September 1, 2021

Simmons University Guest Policies

General Visitors Policy

Guests to campus, including families, prospective students, external partners, contractors, etc. must adhere to the current masking policy on-campus. By entering campus, any guest is attesting to being free of COVID-19 symptoms and will be expected to comply with any COVID related policies. Any guests visiting the residence halls for tours, extended day visits or overnight visits must follow the campus masking policy and will be required to follow the Residence Life visitor policy. Guests attending athletic events or student organization events, are required to adhere to the current masking policy and any COVID related policies. Visitors from the COF may be asked to attest to compliance with home campus testing protocols or to formally attest to being free of COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering an event. Guests and opponents attending athletic events may also be subject to additional requirements as outlined by GNAC or the NCAA.

Residential Student Guest Policy

All Simmons students participating in surveillance testing are welcome to visit the residence halls during the day or overnight.

Who can be a guest during the 2021-2022 academic year?

- For residential students, the only guests permitted in residence halls outside of Simmons students (which includes commuter students and other residential students) will be members of the Colleges of Fenway (COF) participating in surveillance testing at their home institutions.

Who can visit during the 2021-2022 academic year?

- Prospective students or prospective athletes
- Admissions tours

For prospective students being hosted by Admissions or Athletics, they must complete a rapid antigen COVID or PCR-based test within a three (3) day window preceding their residence hall visit and then submit their negative test result to the host department. The host department will upload an attestation with the prospective student/athlete’s contact tracing information. For Admissions, this includes individual "shadow" overnights as well as group overnight events. Please note: Those participating in guided tours that move through residential spaces are not required to submit proof of a negative test result.

Residents are allowed to have one (1) guest per room and are responsible for the conduct of their guests. Overnight guests must obtain the permission of their roommate(s) prior to the visit of any overnight guests. Overnight guests may stay for up to six (6) days in a 30-day period and for up to three (3) consecutive days at a time. Please note that the University does not allow cohabitation. A cohabitant is defined as a visitor, who adopts daily activities analogous to those of an assigned resident with respect to unlimited use of
the room, using the amenities of the hall (such as a bathroom or laundry room) on a frequent basis, and any combination of these or similar activities.

**Minor Visitor Policy**

All overnight guests that visit the Residence Campus must be 16 or older and the host department must complete a Minor Visitor Form where emergency contact information is required and will be kept on file by the Office of Residence Life in these situations. To find the Minor Visitor Form follow this [link](#).

**Host Policy**

For the purposes of the host policy, a guest is defined as anyone who is not a residential student or is a student, but is not a resident of the hall that they are entering/visiting. All guests must be escorted by their host residential student according to the Residence Campus escort policy.

The host policy (meaning that a guest must be escorted at all times) is in effect any time the residence halls are open. Guests must be escorted in all areas of the hall (including stairways) and into and out of the building. This includes the escort of guests on the Residence Campus quad to and from the exit at the Public Safety desk in Simmons Hall after 11:00 p.m. and until the gates are unlocked in the morning. Each resident is responsible for ensuring that the behavior of their guest is consistent with the policies of Simmons University. The host student bears the responsibility for policy violations of a guest and may be referred to the conduct process for a guest’s violation(s). Should a resident host require assistance with the removal of a guest, they may call a staff member of Residence Life or Public Safety. Residence Life staff members reserve the right to require the removal of any guest deemed by them to be in violation of policy or disturbing to the community.