

Campus Visitor Policies

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Visitors are welcome on campus, including families, prospective students, external partners, contractors, etc. 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, including the [Physical Distancing, Facial Coverings, and Hygiene Policy](#). Visitors must wear masks at all times indoors except when actively eating or drinking. Visitors for the specific purposes below may have additional requirements.

Prospective students and families

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.

Guest speakers and lecturers

Any invited guest speaker or lecturer for an event or class must be fully vaccinated and boosted in addition to following the standard masking policy. Any group or class inviting a speaker or lecturer is responsible for collecting the invitee's attestation via email using the below template:

Simmons currently requires guest speakers and lecturers to be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 and to follow all public health guidelines while on campus. Please reply to this email and confirm that:

- *You are fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19*
- *You have not tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days*
- *You have not experienced any new occurrences of [symptoms of COVID-19](#) in the past 14 days*
- *If you experience symptoms on the day you plan to attend the Simmons campus, you will contact the host and inform them you cannot attend*
- *You will remain masked while indoors and follow all guidelines in the [Physical Distancing, Facial Coverings, and Hygiene Policy](#) while on campus.*

Visitors to athletic events

All spectators attending a Simmons athletic event must adhere to the current policy regarding face coverings and any other COVID-related policies. By attending a game, spectators are attesting to being free of COVID-19 symptoms and will be expected to comply with COVID-related policies. Spectators must wear a face-covering upon entering any Simmons University indoor facility and keep it on at all times. No face-covering required at this time while attending an outdoor sporting event.

Residential Guest Policy

Any fully vaccinated and boosted friend or family member of a resident can be a guest in the residence halls as long as they are not currently exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Residents are allowed to have one guest per resident and are responsible for the conduct of their guests. Residents must obtain the permission of their roommate(s) prior to the visit of any overnight guests. Overnight guests may stay for up to six days in a 30-day period and for up to three 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.

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.