

Dear Resident,

You have been assigned to MVSU's designated COVID-19 quarantine/isolation area, Valley Annex Modular Units. We wanted to make sure that you are aware of some important information related to your temporary stay in quarantine or isolation housing and resources available to you. All students staying in quarantine or isolation housing are expected to abide by the below guidelines:

Definitions

Isolation – Isolation refers to the time period that an infected patient with COVID-19 must spend alone, away from others, to prevent the transmission of the disease. The period of isolation is 10 days from the onset of symptoms (or the date of testing for those who are asymptomatic at the time of diagnosis). Ideally, each isolated individual should be isolated in a single cell with solid walls and a solid door that closes. Isolation for an individual can be stopped after 10 days of isolation if they meet the following criteria:

- It has been 10 days past the onset of symptoms (or date of test, if they were asymptomatic);
- Have been fever free for at least 24 hours; and
- Have improvement of other symptoms.

Quarantine – Quarantine is a 7 to 10-day period that those exposed to an infectious COVID-19 patient must spend alone, away from others, to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, should the person become infectious. If you have been fully vaccinated for 2 weeks or more and are not experiencing any symptoms, you do not need to quarantine if you have been exposed to COVID-19 however, getting tested is strongly recommended ASAP. Ideally, each quarantined individual should be quarantined in a single cell with solid walls and a solid door that closes.

- 10-day option: Quarantine can end after 10 days if the individual has no symptoms during the entire 10-day period, or
- 7-day plus test option: If the individual has no symptoms for 7 days and has a negative COVID-19 test collected on day 5, 6, or 7 of the quarantine period, the quarantine can be discontinued after day 7.
- Fully vaccinated students, faculty, and staff do not require quarantine after contact to an infected person as long as no symptoms are present.

Essential employees (as determined by the Facility) may continue to work while under quarantine if they meet the following criteria:

- Remain asymptomatic;
- Have their temperature and symptoms monitored;
- Wear a mask or cloth face covering the entire time at work.

Quarantine and Isolation Housing

It is important that you understand the distinction between quarantine and isolation housing, and what those terms mean. Quarantine housing is for those who may have been exposed to COVID-19, who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or who are in an initial quarantine following international travel. Isolation housing may spread COVID-19; to others they come in contact with, so it is important that you limit your contact with other people.

Students staying in quarantine or isolation housing should remain in their assigned room as much as possible. You should not attend in-person classes, go the dining hall, retrieve mail from the Post Office, or engage in any in-person on-campus activities. With prior approval from the Residence Hall Director, you may leave the modular units, for example, if you have a doctor's appointment, need to take out your trash, or would like to get some fresh air right outside the modular units. However, we strongly encourage you to limit your contact with others both inside and outside of the units.

Check-In and Access

Please wait to be contacted by a Residential Life housing staff member. Turn in your room key to your Residence Hall Director before arriving at the Valley Annex Modular Units. A Residential Life housing staff member will greet you upon your arrival to Valley Annex. If you have any questions about check-in, you may contact the Residence Hall Director on call at (662) 947-1378. We encourage you to lock your space anytime you leave the room.

Room Assignment

Building Assignment:

Building address:

Valley Annex Modular Units
MVSU 7238
14000 Hwy 82W
Itta Bena, MS 38941

Parking

At this time, students are able to park in the Valley Annex Modular Unit housing area, permitting they have a current campus parking decal. If you need your vehicle to transport items for check-in, you may park in the unloading zone but please make sure to move your car to the designated parking area once check-in is complete (15minutes or less).

Academic Support

Students in quarantine or isolation housing should not attend in-person classes. Wi-Fi is available in Valley Annex and should allow students to access online courses/materials and complete assignments remotely via their personal computer or phone. Students who are unable to attend classes or complete assignments due to isolation or quarantine are encouraged to consult course syllabi for relevant information and to contact their faculty members directly regarding their specific circumstances and making up missed classes or assignments.

Provided Items

All rooms in quarantine or isolation housing are outfitted with the following items:

Sheets

Mattress cover

Toilet paper

Shower curtain

Trash bag

A community microwave

Personal items are not provided. We suggest that you bring toiletries, medication, and items needed for schoolwork, enough clothing to last for the duration of your stay, and anything that you may need to entertain yourself (laptop, phone, chargers, etc.)

Medical Needs

Please contact the Student Health Center at 662-254-3332. For emergencies called campus Police at 662-254-3478 or dial 911.

Check-Out

The Residence Hall Director will provide you with a date that you may expect to leave quarantine or isolation housing. We will communicate with you again the night before your quarantine or isolation period ends with a reminder about checking out. Please leave all provided items (mattress covers, linens, etc.) in the room. You should remove all personal items and trash from the room. Students who do not remove all items and trash will be assessed a cleaning fee.

Physical Distancing & Face Coverings

All students living in quarantine or isolation housing are expected to practice appropriate physical distancing measures. This includes limiting interaction with others, maintain a 6-10 foot distance from others, and limiting leaving your assigned room.

When it is necessary to leave your room, you should wear a face covering that completely covers the nose and mouth snugly. Before and after leaving your room you should wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer. Students are permitted to utilize the designated outdoor area for 15- 30 minutes daily for fresh air, however the Residence Hall Director must be informed prior to this and acknowledgment from Residence Hall Director must be received.

Guests

You are not allowed to host guests while you are in quarantine or isolation. Guest are not permitted outside or inside of the modular unit. If you have forgotten something and need an item brought to the modular unit, you should first inform the Residence Hall Director. Then you should ask the person delivering the item to leave it at the front door of the modular unit for you to retrieve.

Provided Meals

Students staying in quarantine or isolation housing will be provided with meals from the H.M. Ivy Dining Hall. Students should receive a communication from the Residence Hall Director with more information about meal options and delivery.

Trash Removal

There is a large trash dumpster in the front of the modular unit and trash bags provided in your room. Once the trash bags are full you are responsible for taking your trash to the dumpster.

Laundry

Service for your laundry needs is provided while you are in quarantine or isolation. You will be provided a dissolving laundry bag and a reusable mesh laundry bag to place your clothing items in for the laundry. First, place your items in the dissolving laundry bag. Then, place the dissolving laundry bag into the mesh laundry bag. Dates and times for laundry pick up are to be determined weekly.

Policies

You are expected to abide by all MVSU and COVID-19 policies. MVSU policies can be viewed at <https://www.mvsu.edu/coronavirus-response>

Assistance

Emergency Assistance: 911

MVSU Campus Police: 662-254-3478/3479

MVSU Student Health Center: 662-254-3332

MVSU Office of Residential Life: 662-254-3590

Valley Annex Modular Unit Residence Hall Director: 662-947-1378 or 662-299-5724

We wish you a speedy recovery and please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

MVSU Office of Residential Life