

Dear Newman Hall Residents,

Thank you for your continued awareness and cooperation surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus).

As you know, the University of Nebraska at Omaha has made the decision to use only distance learning and suspend all extracurricular activities until further notice. In conjunction with UNO, the CDC, the Douglas County Health Department and with the upmost care of students in mind, the following decisions have been made regarding our community:

- JPII Newman Center is now closed until further notice. Newman Hall remains open for residents.
 1. We encourage Newman Hall residents to return to their place of permanent residence because there are advantages for social distancing. Those students living here who are not able to go home or who have work or other commitments in Omaha are able to stay. We will continue to support our residents where appropriate social distancing and enhanced preventative public health and hygiene measures will be actively encouraged.
 - We ask that you please notify us about your decision to leave or stay using this form by 5 pm on Sunday, March 15:
https://archdioceseofomaha.formstack.com/forms/covid19_resident_status
- Only residents and staff with keycard access should be in the building. No personal guests.
- Community Night, parish, and hall activities are suspended.
 - Taco Tuesday, Ladies in Waiting, Knights of Columbus, etc.
- 1. Bible studies and other gatherings cannot be hosted here at the Newman Center.
- 2. Masses will remain open to all students.
- MANDATORY COVID-19 Protocol for Residents:
- Social distancing is important at all times. Please keep a 6 foot distance from other residents and refrain from gathering in larger groups.
- If you are not feeling well or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms*, have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or if you test positive for COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html>

1. Begin self-isolation and social distancing.
 2. Call your primary care physician and follow his or her directives.
 3. Alert Newman Hall Resident Manager by filling out this form:
- Liturgical celebrations (Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass) will continue under these conditions:

***If you have COVID-19 symptoms, have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, or are not feeling well, please follow the CDC recommendations and stay home. Attending Mass when you are sick is not necessary and is discouraged.**

1. Social distancing: In the Oratory, please do your best to sit about 6 feet away from the nearest person. Continue to refrain from physical contact.
2. Reconciliation: Please kneel and use the screen (as opposed to sitting in front of the priest) when celebrating the Sacrament.
3. Reception of Holy Communion: Please make every effort to receive on the hand.
4. Sign of Peace: We will continue to refrain.

CDC recommendations on cleaning and disinfecting:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/cleaning-disinfection.html>

CDC recommendations on preventing the spread of respiratory diseases:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth;
- Stay home when you are sick and seek medical assistance if needed;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces;
- Do not share glasses, utensils, bottles, etc.; and
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing;
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

*COVID-19 Symptoms:

1. Fever (higher than 100.4)
2. Cough
3. Shortness of breath

Please join us in continuing to pray for those affected and for a quick mitigation of this disease. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Please check JPiiOmaha.org/covid-19-updates for further updates.

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Link to residents status

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Link to symptom

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