Dear (Student Preferred Name),

Welcome to the residence halls at UW-River Falls! I am excited to share information regarding your residence hall assignment for 2020-21 and the name of your roommate (if applicable). The residence hall move-in process will begin about one month from now, so it is time to get ready for fall semester! Also included in this letter are some things to consider and hopefully answers to some of your questions.

Residence Hall Assignment (Sample)

101, X Hall - [Learn more about your room and hall here.]

Due to COVID-19 safety measures, students who lived on campus spring 2020 and selected a room/suite for 2020-21 may be assigned to a different room/suite than originally selected.

Students who lived on campus spring 2020 who would like to do a person-for-person room swap must complete all necessary information by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 3. [Learn more about this process in our FAQ section here.]

Roommate/Suitemates (if applicable)

John Doe

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Preparing to Move to Campus

Recently, Chancellor Foster sent a message to all students to share information about preparing to come to campus. She stated, “We’ve been working hard to prepare for a safe fall semester and invite you to join us to ensure things stay that way... simple acts can make a big difference in whether the virus spreads or if it is contained.” As we are only a few short weeks away from welcoming you to campus, we encourage you to engage in living responsibly prior to your move to campus.

- We encourage you and those assisting you with move-in to self-quarantine for 14 days, or minimally limit your exposure to those outside of your immediate family, prior to your arrival date on campus.
- If you or those assisting you with move-in are not feeling well, stay home. Please be in touch with us if this occurs. We will be happy to work with you in creating alternate move-in plans.
- Travel to campus thoughtfully. Depending on your method of travel to campus, be sure to wear a face covering, physically distance, avoid stopping in high-risk areas, and practice good hygiene.

Roommate/Suitemate Relationships

Living on campus provides the unique experience of learning more about yourself, how to live with others, and an opportunity to develop your interpersonal skills. Each positive roommate/suitemate relationship starts with you. I encourage you to take time now to reflect on how you will work to create a healthy roommate/suitemate relationship this year. [Learn more about developing a positive roommate/suitemate relationship here.]

Due to COVID-19 safety measures, room changes will not be possible during fall semester.

What to Bring
Whether or not you have experience living on campus, it can be helpful to review this suggested packing list. As you begin preparing your belongings for the move to campus, keep in mind how much time you may spend in your room this fall. Keeping an organized space with limited items will ease the regular cleaning process, as well as move-in and move-out processes.

Residence Hall Move-in

Move-in dates will be Wednesday, Aug. 26, through Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020. Each student may have no more than two individuals with them during their two-hour check-in time and face coverings must be worn to enter the residence hall. Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms or recent exposure to COVID-19 should not participate in the move-in process. Contact Residence Life to make alternate move-in plans.

Next week you can expect an email from Residence Life notifying you when the Housing Portal will be open to select a move-in appointment date and time. Please prepare accordingly as there are limited time slots available each day of move-in. By Monday, Aug. 24, each student should have logged in to the Housing Portal to select a two-hour appointment on one of the move-in days between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Learn more about the move-in process here.

Remember to pack your UWRF Student ID, as it is needed to check in to your residence hall. If you are a new student, complete the necessary steps to receive a student ID by Sunday, Aug 16.

Although campus life will be different this year, we are committed to working together to make your experience positive and memorable. Your commitment to the health and safety of our community is vital. Thank you for acting in partnership with Residence Life staff in ensuring the wellbeing of our campus community this fall.

With Falcon pride,

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