

Change in Room Visitation Policy (October 1, 2020)

With only 11 cases through the first six weeks of the semester, it is obvious that students have been working hard to stay healthy and safe in the midst of the pandemic. We understand that following the necessary health and safety protocols has been a challenge requiring sacrifice and discipline and are so proud of what has been accomplished to date.

Given this early success - and in recognition of the hard work that you have done - the College has made the decision to change the protocol for room visitation in specific residence halls

For St. Mary's, Dablon, Nelligan, Harrison and Mitchell halls only, students are permitted to visit other rooms within their own assigned building with the following restrictions:

- All residents of the room must agree to allow guests, and visitation can only be from 8 p.m. to midnight
- Residents are allowed a maximum of two visitors per room
- Face coverings must always be worn and there can be NO eating or drinking while visiting
- Residents of the room must keep a log of anyone who visits the room for more than 10 minutes, in case contact tracing is necessary
- Doors to the room must be open and windows should be open (when practical) to help with ventilation.

This is a provisional two-week relaxation of the visitation policy. It can be revoked at any time if there is a Covid outbreak on campus and/or if it is determined that students are not following this new policy. Students found violating any Covid-19 policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

While this change is only for the residence halls listed above, Foery Hall, the townhouses and College-owned apartments and houses may be added to the exemption in the future if Covid numbers are unaffected by this initial change.

Please remember that all other Covid policies remain in place, including:

- The "No Visitation between buildings" policy is still in effect
- The "No Parties/Gatherings" on and off campus is still in effect

Congratulations for how well you have done keeping Covid relatively in check so far this semester!! You've all read stories of other colleges that have not fared as well, so this is an accomplishment worth celebrating! While it will not be easy, I'm confident that you can keep this record of success going for the rest of the semester.

Sincerely,

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