



ADDENDUM TO THE NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2019 – 2020 STUDENT HANDBOOK

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This addendum replaces and supersedes those sections of New England Institute of Technology's 2019-2020 Student Handbook listed herein:

Page 85: Effective June 1, 2020, the following section is added after "Cooking and Kitchen Use:"

COVID-19 AND PUBLIC HEALTH-INFORMED POLICIES

New England Institute of Technology (NEIT) aims to deliver its mission while protecting the health and safety of its students and minimizing the potential spread of disease within our community. As a student within NEIT's residence hall, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus or similar public health crisis ("COVID") will impact your housing experience as NEIT continues to make public health-informed decisions. The below policies and guidelines are incorporated into the Residence Life Policies and Procedures published in the Student Handbook and are applicable to all residential students.

1. **Health and Safety.** No-one can guarantee what form COVID-19 will take, and no-one including NEIT, can guarantee a COVID-19-free environment. Taking steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections (or any other spread of disease) at NEIT is a shared responsibility. All members of our campus community must do their part. This means adhering to national, state, and local health guidelines and requirements, and adhering to those measures NEIT deems safe and appropriate for its campus. Specific details will be provided as circumstances dictate, but this may include such thing as: temperature checks, social distancing, wearing protective face masks or other facial coverings, using other PPE, not reporting to class or work if sick, and isolating and quarantining when required.

NEIT expects that all members of the residence hall community—residents, staff and visitors—act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them, including respect and consideration for the health and safety of all community members. This includes disclosing symptoms of COVID to residential staff. All residential students are prohibited from creating a health or safety hazard within the residence hall and NEIT may request or require residents to leave the residence hall if their continued presence in the residence hall community poses a health or safety risk for community members and/or if their behavior is noncompliant with NEIT's health-informed policies and/or procedures.

Residential students are required to comply with health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations and health and safety guidance adopted by NEIT as it relates to public health crises, including COVID-19. This guidance will evolve as the public health crisis evolves and may include, but is not limited to, social distancing, limitations on gathering sizes, restrictions on gathering locations, wearing a face covering, hand washing requirements, COVID-19 diagnostic and surveillance testing

(including before or upon arrival to campus), contact tracing, disinfection protocols, limitations on guests being allowed into residence halls, and quarantine / isolation requirements (including before or upon arrival to campus). Adherence to health and safety requirements applies to all residents, staff and visitors and extends to all aspects of residential life, including bedrooms, bathrooms, community kitchens, lounges, computer rooms, courtyards and other common spaces.

2. **Quarantine / Isolation / Separation.** At any time, NEIT may request or require a resident to leave the residence hall when that resident’s continued presence in the residence hall poses a health or safety risk for community members. Residential students are required to comply with requests from NEIT to leave their assigned space due to COVID or other public health emergency and failure to do so may subject a student to emergency removal from their assigned space. Not all residential rooms are appropriate for self-quarantine or self-isolation, for example, and in those situations where a student is recommended to self-quarantine or self-isolate, students may not be permitted to continue residing in their residential space. NEIT will assist resident students who must isolate or quarantine to make alternative housing arrangements. Removal from the residence hall to isolate or quarantine does not constitute a termination of a residential student’s housing contract.
3. **De-Densifying Efforts (reducing the number of people).** Residential students are required to comply with any de-densifying efforts needed on campus due to COVID or other public health emergency, including, but not limited to, requiring the relocation of all or some residential students to off campus housing.
4. **Dining Services.** Dining service, including where and how it will be offered to residential students, is subject to the discretion of NEIT and is subject to modification to address public health concerns. Due to health and safety guidance adopted by the NEIT, NEIT may limit the occupancy of the dining hall, limit the amount of time students may reside within the dining hall, or make other operational adjustments needed to address health and safety concerns.
5. **Cleaning.** NEIT will continue to implement and modify its cleaning protocols to address COVID or other public health emergency in the interest of minimizing the spread of disease. Residence Life will educate and inform residential students on appropriate cleaning protocols within their assigned spaces as well as their need to sanitize common spaces/items within the residence hall after use to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within residence halls.
6. **Termination.** NEIT reserves the right to terminate housing contracts due to public health emergency needs, including COVID. In the event NEIT terminates housing contracts due to public health concerns, NEIT will offer fair and reasonable reimbursements for impacted students as appropriate and based on information available at that time.

Page 91: Effective June 1, 2020, the following section is added after “Health and Safety Inspections:”

HOLD HARMLESS

Student agrees to release the NEIT , its trustees, officers, agents, and employees from any and all damages, liability, claims, expenses, or loss (collectively, “Claims”) resulting from or arising out of student’s use of space within NEIT Housing, including those related to the potential exposure to

contagious viruses like the coronavirus, and to indemnify and hold harmless the University, its agents, and employees from any Claims resulting from or arising out of student's breach of the terms and conditions of the housing contract. Student understands that by residing in the Residence Hall, he/she is assuming the risks associated with communal living and, as in any shared living environment, those risks include potential exposure to contagious viruses, including the coronavirus.

Page 92: Effective June 1, 2020, the section "Housing Contracts" is replaced in its entirety with the following:

HOUSING CONTRACTS

Only those NEIT students who have a current Housing Contract are permitted to reside in NEIT housing. Individuals, including non-resident NEIT students, living in NEIT housing without a contract, along with the residents who have permitted them to stay in their room or suite, may face legal or disciplinary action. Policies, procedures, rules, and regulations published in the NEIT Catalog, the NEIT Student Handbook and on the Residence Life website are legally binding and incorporated by reference into the Housing Contract.