Panther Housing Selection 2020-2021 - FAQ

**General Questions:**

**Why is Chapman reducing housing capacity by ~20% for next year?**
All of our decisions related to the fall semester are rooted in actual or anticipated mandates from local or state authorities that relate to the health of the Chapman community. The reduction in housing capacity is part of the “CU Safely Back” initiative.

**How did you decide to reduce housing by ~20%?**
Unfortunately, we cannot fully predict what the local public health situation will be, and we need to have enough capacity to effectively support the number of residents we allow in housing through any minor outbreak or community exposure of COVID-19. With consultation from medical and epidemiological experts, we removed all triples and limited total apartment occupancy based on building characteristics such as room and apartment size. We also reserved private rooms for COVID-19 isolation and recovery. These changes ultimately reduced our housing capacity by about 20%.

**What continuing student residential areas are most impacted by the reduction in housing?**
One of the most impactful limitations is that all two-bedroom apartments will be limited to three residents. Thus, The K and Glass Hall apartments will have the most significant reduction in occupancy by percentage of total beds. Please see the revised building and room type occupancy guidelines for a more detailed description of changes.

**How does this affect housing for new first-year and transfer students?**
First-year housing and transfer housing opportunities will also be limited by reduced occupancy. New incoming students should check their e-mail regularly for updates regarding their housing status. We anticipate a more detailed update on Friday, June 5.

**What criteria are you using to determine who gets offered the chance to select housing for continuing students?**
The primary criteria for consideration is the proximity of a student’s permanent address to Orange. Students who live outside of southern California are given priority. Additionally, socioeconomic need and, to a lesser extent, class standing, will play a role in determining who was initially offered the opportunity to participate in Panther Housing Selection.

**Could you clarify for me what you consider southern California for priority?**
For our review, everywhere from San Luis Obispo through San Diego County was considered southern California.
If not initially offered housing:

How do I appeal if I was not offered the chance to select housing?
Please fill out our appeal form. Provide a detailed description of the reasons you need to live on campus for the 2020-2021 academic year. There are strict physical limitations on the number of spaces we can offer, and there are not likely to be many appeals granted. However, we also understand that some students will face significant financial or personal challenges which make commuting or securing off-campus housing all but impossible. We will work closely with these students to ensure their success next academic year.

How long will it take to hear back if I submit an appeal?
Please allow about two full business weeks to hear back on your appeal.

I live over an hour away from campus and do not want to commute. What should I do?
The decision to prioritize students from outside of southern California was not because we thought students could commute from as far away as San Luis Obispo or San Diego. Rather, we believe students who live within this proximity at least have an opportunity to visit the area around campus over the summer to secure housing as opposed to students who live farther away from Orange.

If you have more available spaces after continued cancellations now or later in the summer, will students who live in southern California be able to select housing? If so, will people farther from Chapman be given more priority than those who live closer?
We will continue to offer available spaces throughout the remainder of the summer as spaces become available. We will use both the original prioritization formula (which includes proximity to Chapman) and additional information received during the appeals process to offer these spaces.

Questions about Panther Housing Selection (if offered):

How do I add a new, eligible, preferred roommate?
E-mail reslife@chapman.edu to request to add an eligible, preferred roommate. Please remember that all preferred roommate requests need to be mutual, i.e. all roommates must individually request each other using their Chapman e-mail address.

If some, but not all, of my roommate group is included in the initial group eligible to select, can we all live on campus since we are confirmed, preferred roommates?
No. Only students selected in the initial group can select housing and any confirmed, preferred roommates must be in the “approved” group as well.
Once the initial group eligible to select is determined, will priority remain the same?
Yes, selection priority will continue to be dictated by entry term. Please see this table from our previous Panther Housing Selection communication in February.

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What buildings and room types are impacted by the reduced occupancy standards?
Please review our revised building and room type occupancy guidelines for a more detailed description of changes.

I was planning on living on campus with a group of 4, 5 or 6 people. What should I do now?
There are few opportunities to live with four or more people in Chapman housing for next year. If it is most important to you to live with your preferred roommate group, look for off-campus housing options that have space to accommodate your group size. Alternatively, talk to your preferred roommate group about how to reduce the group size without unfairly or abruptly excluding your friends.

My preferred roommates just informed me that they are not going to include me anymore in our group plans. What should I do?
We encourage students to remain in contact with their roommate group so that they can be aware if group situations change (e.g. someone cancels their housing application or isn’t able to participate in the selection process). To find other possible roommates, you can connect with other students through the Chapman University App (iOS, Android). There are also unofficial Facebook groups that can be useful to connect and meet with other Chapman students to find housing easily. E-mail reslife@chapman.edu to request to add an eligible, preferred roommate. Please remember that all preferred roommate requests need to be mutual, i.e. all roommates must individually request each other using their Chapman e-mail address.

I’m still considering living off-campus next year. When do I need to cancel my application to receive the $500 refund and keep my housing grant?
We will continue to honor our refund and housing grant offer until the week before Panther Housing Selection begins (dates TBD). Once selection times are set, you are holding a spot in housing that another student may need. We will review extraordinary circumstances on a case-by-case basis for late cancellations.