**DRAFT Reopening Plan for Georgia College Housing and Residence Life**
**(Student Life Subgroup)**

The Housing and Residence Life experience is a critical component to the first-year experience at Georgia College, however, normal policies and programmatic practices will be amended based on the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Contingency Plan 1 – Fall classes begin with social distancing expectations

Per USG guidelines, “Residence hall rooms will be viewed as a shared residence within each room or suite, similar to a family’s shared residence in that social distancing practices are not expected within the room or suite. As such, it is the responsibility of the residential students to adhere to appropriate behaviors related to the prevention of COVID-19, including the cleaning of their room or suite. “

A fully residential reopening would not be a return to business-as-usual, given the unknowns of the evolving health situation. In the event of a full reopening we would develop a plan to stagger the move-in process in a similar fashion to the move out process in the spring. For health and safety reasons, we will not have Cat Crew (assisted move-in process) this year. Accordingly, we will ask students to be prudent about the amount of personal belongings they bring with them.

An acknowledgement form for students listing best practices known at the time of move in will be developed for and used for all residence hall students. Residential requirements will be reconsidered as we cannot safely house/accommodate students with COVID-19 risk factors. Students will be responsible for providing their own PPE.

In addition, we would plan to have some degree of social distancing (in accordance with CDC, DPH, and USG guidelines) in place for use of the common spaces within the residence halls like study lounges, laundry rooms and floor lounges. Modifications to promote distancing for residence hall programming would include using virtual and/or remote alternatives that could accommodate the appropriate number of residents and possible use of outdoor space.

Individual residents are responsible for the cleaning and disinfection of their individual room. In addition to the regular daily cleaning of the halls, housekeeping staff will pay extra attention to cleaning high-touch areas like hand rails, door handles and elevator buttons. Within the laundry rooms, additional cleaning will be provided for handles and controls on the washers and dryers. Use of elevators will be restricted to students who need to use them.

Students will be discouraged from entering residence halls other than their own and off-campus guests will not be permitted access to any residence hall. Staff should avoid entering residents’ rooms unless it is necessary. Community Assistants and Community Directors will use virtual communications and check-ins, as appropriate.

If a residential student were to become ill and/or test positive for COVID-19, they will be advised to go home. If students are unable to return home, we have planned for a limited number of alternate secluded locations within the residential facilities. The Baldwin County Department of Health will engage in contact tracing.

# Contingency Plan 2 – Fall classes begin fully online

Residence Halls will remain closed.

Contingency Plan 3 – Classes and operations must go to a fully online format for a period of time during the semester

Residential move out will follow a similar format as in the Spring 2020 semester.