UAlbany Forward Together
Student Life Workgroup Update

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Addressing Student’s Needs

- Housing & dining
- Food & financial insecurity
- Health promotion
- Testing & tracing
- Orientation & socialization

Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs

- Physiological (Food and Shelter)
- Safety
- Love / Belonging (Companionship, Family)
- Esteem
- Self-Actualization
Physiological

Housing & Dining

• **Reduce occupancy**, by limiting housing options to doubles and singles only.

• **Ease two-year residency requirement**, especially for new students.

• Provide a **limited number of single rooms**, as needed.

• Identify on-campus residence spaces as **isolation housing**.
Physiological

Housing & Dining

• **Mobile retail food ordering** for quick pick up.

• Streamline resident dining services – mostly “to go,” with limited seating.

• Streamline and/or duplicate popular menu options at retail venues – fewer options = faster service.

• “Ready-to-go” fresh food and home meal replacements available at the 518 Market.
Physiological
Food & Financial Insecurity

• Access to Purple Pantry and Student Emergency Fund.

• CARES Act money is crucial to handle COVID related loss and need.

• Disseminate needs-based information and resources regarding food, housing, financial insecurity to students and their families.

• Ensure that students have access to technology.
Safety

Health Promotion

• Encourage mask-wearing and ensure physical distancing, when appropriate.

• Large-scale public influencing campaign. Messaging would target both on and off-campus students.

• Promote good public health hygiene through peer-led, evidence-based education and outreach.

• Ensure that the physical environment promotes behaviors aimed at stopping the spread.
Safety

Testing & Tracing

• Campus testing and implement prioritization protocol considering symptoms and contact with positive COVID case.

• Together with NYS DOH, introduce contact tracing to control the spread.

• Coordinate quarantine protocols with Residential Life, in close coordination with our local officials at Albany County Health Department.
Belonging
Orientation & Socialization

• Summer orientation — provide remote advisement, virtual orientation sessions, and Blackboard community content.

• Explore in-person “Connection Days” later this summer, if permissible.

• Fall orientation — offer in person Orientation sessions for all new students upon their return to campus.

• Welcome Week co-curricular programming — broaden scope of welcome experience to include a greater focus on returning students.