



THE ROAD TO OCCIDENTAL PT 2: HOUSING & MOVE-IN 5:00 pm on July 11, 2022

Chat Transcript from the webinar with incoming students & families

Welcome everyone! Be sure to use the Q&A feature if you have any questions during the session.

Stay on top of everything this Summer by keeping track of the To Do page in the New student Guide: <https://www.oxy.edu/new-students/new-student-guide/do-checklist-timeline>

Housing assignments will be available by the end of the first week of August.

Refer to the New Student Guide for additional information about housing: <https://www.oxy.edu/new-students/new-student-guide/housing>

Move-in for all new first-year and transfer students is August 22!

Find the details of what is in each room, and a suggested list of what to bring on the Oxy website at: <https://www.oxy.edu/student-life/rehs/amenities-chart-what-bring>

You can find your campus box number at my.oxy.edu

Property and tuition insurance is available through Grad Guard and additional information will be posted at <https://www.oxy.edu/student-life/rehs/amenities-chart-what-bring>

You can take advantage of the Bengal Bus to get rides off-campus if you are planning to do some shopping after move-in!

Oxy requires proof of COVID vaccine and other vaccines by August 1.

Emmons Wellness Center provides regular access to PCR and rapid testing for COVID.

You can always find up-to-date information about the current COVID policies on-campus at <https://www.oxy.edu/back-oxy>

All students are required to have health insurance and you can find out more at <https://www.oxy.edu/new-students/new-student-guide/health-insurance>

Learn more about the amazing care at Emmons at <https://www.oxy.edu/student-life/resources-support/emmons-wellness-center>

Let us know if you have any additional questions for our panelists!

Anyone who attends family orientation should provide proof of their COVID vaccine at family orientation check-in and should plan to be tested before they arrive.

The To-Do page on the New Student Website is updated anytime there is new information:
<https://www.oxy.edu/new-students/new-student-guide/do-checklist-timeline>

Instructions about types of COVID testing and timelines will be provided in August.

Students who wish to ship belongings in trunks, suitcases or boxes to the College before they arrive for the fall semester should address them in care of themselves to:

Student Name, Class of 20__

1600 Campus Rd

Your box number (or put unit number if sending via private carrier) - Contact postal services if you do not know your box number

Los Angeles, CA 90041

Students may pick up these packages after they have checked into their residence hall.

You'll find additional information about the Welcome Center at: <https://www.oxy.edu/new-students/new-student-orientation>

We hope you can join us for Summer Sendoffs!

<https://www.oxy.edu/new-students/summer-sendoffs>

We will share the recording of today's webinar on the new student page tomorrow.

Q&A Transcript from the webinar with incoming students & families

Can a safe/lockbox be mounted somewhere in the dorm room, or does it just sit loose in room? What size do students usually bring?

Residence Halls are very safe, so you don't need to bring a safe. If you do want to bring one however, you can place it in your closet or on your desk/dresser. Most residence halls do not allow for mounting something of that size on the wall.

For entering the residence hall buildings, are the main building doors simply open doors where anyone can walk in, or do the students have to badge or scan in for example?

You will get an Oxy ID card that will allow you to swipe into your residence hall's front door or back door! You are not able to swipe into other residence halls but friends can meet you at the front door to let you in :)

And a microwave...?

Yes, each room comes with a mini fridge/freezer and microwave.

Are the beds standard XL beds so bedding can be bought at stores like target?

Yes! Beds are all Twin XL. You can purchase bedding at Target, Amazon, or anywhere that sells bedding. We have lots of stores near campus!

I've heard an Arctic Air – Evaporate air cooler is allowed - is that correct?

Air conditioners are not allowed but Evaporated Air Coolers are allowed. Fans are also allowed.

Are we able to see the dorm room prior to actual move in date (22nd). Would be helpful to get items over weekend. Thx

Unless you are cleared for early move in for pre-orientation trips, athletics, etc., you will not have access to the residence halls until the day of move in. All residence halls have the same furniture provided - as Monique said, plan to bring less than you think you might need and shop at nearby stores instead of bringing too much!

What time on August 20th may students move in for LA engage?

We will be sending that information to you/your student very soon via email. Please keep an eye out for that.

Is move in different for LA engage participants?

The only difference for LA Engage participants is that they will move in August 20 instead of August 22, so just a few days earlier.

What is the procedure for families to retrieve packages they have shipped to school? Does everyone arrive at the post office at 8 am on August 22?

Oxy's Postal Operations Center will be open on move-in day from 9 am - 2 pm. It usually is a bit crowded but not all families arrive at 9 am to retrieve their packages. Additionally, they have regular hours during the week.

I'm an incoming first year parent, so I'm hoping that maybe all new students can be educated on maybe challenging anyone that you see piggyback or tailgate into the residence halls, or any Oxy building that requires swiping. Maybe will be discussed during student orientation? Just some thoughts given these recent times about security.

Hi Arthur, great question! Campus is generally pretty quiet and we have not had many issues with people entering residence halls who are not supposed to. Campus safety circles campus in patrol cars 24/7 so they are around to help if there are any security issues in residence halls. Rules surrounding security in res halls will also be discussed in the weeks leading up to classes starting.

Will there be places near Oxy to get COVID tests prior or move-in date?

Yes, there are many testing sites around Eagle Rock (very close to campus) and in the greater LA area that have walk-up tests and options for timed appointments.

Is Covid booster shot required for my incoming first year student?

The first booster (1 booster) is required.

Is the indoor masking requirement also applies to in the dorm?

Masks are required indoors at Oxy but students do not have to wear masks in their own room in the residence halls. Dorm spaces such as common areas are considered indoor public areas, so masks are strongly encouraged here as well. Don't worry, you/your student will not always need to wear a mask on campus.

Where do students isolate?

Hello! Students isolate in a designated COVID isolation room. These are rooms in specific residence halls that have been set aside for the year for COVID isolation.

If students stays with Kaiser, does she have access to wellness services on campus or not?

Coverage for Emmons physical health services depends on your out-of-network coverage. You can still utilize Emmons if your insurance plan does not cover out-of-network services and Emmons discounts the out of pocket cost at 50%. All mental health services on-campus are free.

is all the information covered regarding deadlines on the checklist?

Yes. The to-do checklist and timeline is updated regularly to reflect all deadlines for incoming students.

Can a student bring a pairing knife and cutting board? I saw Swiss Army knife on the "not allowed" list, so I wanted to ask.

I would discourage bringing a pairing knife, a cutting board is just fine. If you'll be doing a lot of cooking, etc, I'd recommend reaching out to dining services for a knife once you're on campus.

Are the community vacuums?

No, our facilities staff vacuums all common areas. Students are responsible for cleaning their own rooms.

Can the covid cards be in our phone or do we need to bring hardcopy. I'm a parent that plan to help my son move in. thank you

You can have a digital copy. Students will also have to upload proof of vax in their Oxy health portal once they get to campus.

Oxy.ocm.Com offers trunks, are these allowed and would two fit in a room, one in closet and one near bed?

It depends on the size of the room - I'd say at least 1 can fit in the room depending on the dimensions of the trunk.

Are home tests ok, or must be lab certified? And how many hrs prior to move in dare?

More details to come on this!

Can incoming students contact Emmons right now to set up mental health support for a smooth transition, especially working with existing providers?

Yes.

Are there coffee machines to make hot coffee in the dorms? Or should we buy pre made cold brew in a bottle or is there something like a Keurig?

There are not coffee machines in the dorms. If you want to buy one for your room, I believe that this is ok. There are many places on campus to get great fresh coffee (hot or cold), so I wouldn't say that you'd need your own coffee maker, but up to you. You can also buy bottled cold brew to keep in your mini fridge! But campus has great coffee and there are coffee shops on and around campus.

Does Emmons have a cap on number of counseling appointments available to students (short term vs long term)?

Emmons has a soft cap at 6 appointments per year. They will never refuse a student care however our mental health services are not built for long term services, and our counseling staff will help students find a long term provider off-campus that is covered by their insurance.

is there a specific way that students typically get their car to campus from across the country? do most people drive to campus, or transport them some other way?

Many people drive to campus, others might ship their car to Los Angeles if they plan to fly to LA.

Not sure if this was covered but how does printing work? Do the students have to provide their own printer and printing paper? thank you

There are printers in every residence hall, academic building, and floor on the library. Printing is free.

I saw it said liquid detergent but can they bring pods? thank you

Yes detergent pods can be used in our laundry facilities.

In general, is Oxy a Mac or PC campus? Is one recommended over tthe other?

Both are welcome! No preference or recommendation.

Do you think it is worth it to buy a mattress pad? or are the dorm bed mattresses naturally comfortable?

I did not have a mattress pad while I was a student at Occidental and I slept comfortably. Mattress pads definitely add comfort, but also definitely not necessary.

What is the welcome process like for early move-ins like student athletes?

Early move-in students will still feel the Oxy pride on the official move-in day. They may just have smaller celebrations that are team/community specific!

Will we get enough time in August please to arrange testing by PCR if that's the required

Yes, we will let you know ASAP once our offices decide what test is required.