

As you get ready to return to Cortland, please keep in mind the following:

Prior to Arrival:

- Make sure you read and follow [SUNY Cortland's Fall 2021 Guidance/COVID-19 Information](#). This website will be updated on a regular basis so be sure to check back periodically. Topics covered include:
  - Vaccination requirements and guidance on how someone can post their fully vaccinated status;
  - Face covering and physical distancing requirements;
  - COVID-19 testing requirements;
  - Content of website will change as more is known and/or as local, state, federal, and/or CDC guidelines are adjusted.
- Please note: SUNY Cortland will not be distributing face coverings to its returning students this Fall so make sure to bring some with you.
- Are you a not yet fully vaccinated international student? Check with your landlord and see if you can move in early. That way you can quarantine for 10 days prior to the start of classes.
  - The same holds true for any not yet fully vaccinated individuals that live in a state that does not share any boundaries with New York.
- Everyone should check with their landlord before moving in – set up a date/time that works for everyone. Landlords have been encouraged to try and stagger when their tenants move in so as to reduce density.
- Give serious thought to having insurance (in case of fire, robbery, etc.) Are you covered by your parents' or guardians' homeowner's policy? If not, consider purchasing renter's insurance (this can be done at any time, usually not too expensive)
- If you are responsible for getting your utilities connected see if you can do it ahead of time or at least get it scheduled so it's one less thing to do when you get back in town. Be patient if this can't happen right away – they've got lots to do with students returning. Read your lease, maybe your landlord takes care of this.

Upon Arrival:

- Have a copy of your lease with you and easily accessible when you arrive. Why? Just in case questions come up. Don't have a copy of your lease? Ask your landlord for one.
- Take pictures/video of your apartment/house as you move in. Why? Could be helpful when you move out and go to get back your security/damage deposit.
- Did/Will the landlord promise to do things (unfinished repairs, painting, etc.)? If so, get it in writing with both their signature and a date. Do the same thing if you asked and were given permission to do something (paint a room, etc.).
- Find out when trash and recycling are picked up and what guidelines are in place for where you live.
- The City of Cortland does not allow overnight parking on its streets (landlords are supposed to provide one parking spot for each tenant). Make sure you know where to park.
- Make sure to follow all COVID-19 protocols. Unclear of what those might be? Check the school's website that was mentioned above.

Some local resource numbers are:

City of Cortland Code Enforcement Office: 607-753-1741

City of Cortland Fair Housing Officer: 607-753-1433

SUNY Cortland Campus Activities Office: 607-753-5574

(Our office oversees the broad area of off campus housing/living)

Visit our [Off-Campus Housing](#) website for more information.