

Fall Planning Priority: Virtual KCE/All Hall Programming

Supplies Needed: Depends on the program

Budget Needed: Depends on the program

## **Purpose:**

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To provide residents an opportunity to build community within their residence hall.

## **Practice:**

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Despite COVID-19 it is pertinent to make sure that residents on campus are still able to find a sense of belonging with Knowing, Connecting, & Empowering (KCE). Programming is a large contributor to a residence hall's culture and resident's sense of belonging at the institution. It will be important to maintain CDC and TCU recommended guidelines for safety while implementing programs.

*In-person programming:* Based on CDC guidelines for gathering sizes, each hall will designate programmatic spaces to ensure social distancing. All residents will be asked to wear masks while at the programs. Additionally, programs can be hosted outdoors to help minimize the spread with the aforementioned safety precautions. Food, when applicable, will be contactless. No buffets along with no food handling by staff members. Residents will be asked to RSVP to the program as a limited number of spots will be available due to adhering to CDC guidelines. Students not at in-person program can also tune in via Zoom.

*Virtual programming:* Students will be sent a link to the platform being utilized. RAs should utilize GroupMe for marketing. RAs can pass out any supplies needed prior to the program. RAs can utilize various techniques from Kahoots, Jackbox Games, and educational conversations.

*Virtual KCE:* The aforementioned options for programming will have a large factor in KCE. Additionally, it will be important for staff members to set up virtual ways to connect and get to know their residents. All staff members will be asked to host virtual "office hours" where there is a link that their residents can have conversations and connect with them. Using emails and social media to engage residents will be vital to the success of building a culture within the hall. Staff members will be asked to be intentional on the ways they connect with their residents. Staff members will be asked to have virtual calls individually, by roommates, by floor, and open to all students. Each hall staff will need to strategically build out a model that builds on these conversations.

## Examples of Residence Hall Programming

### Mats & Chats

Students can design welcome mats for their room. Mats and paint will be supplied, and all residents must register in order to properly set-up physical distancing stations. All materials will be wiped down.

### Wellness Night

Students can pick-up face coverings and essential oil bags at the front desk. Essential bags to be pre-made and residents will select their scent to add. Face coverings will be worn at all times and physical distancing guidelines will be in place.

### Trivia Nights

Held in the lobby with seating placed strategically around the entire lobby while the host are up front. This could also apply to movie nights.

### Outdoor Field Day

Large outdoor games like Jenga, connect four and active games like Can Jam, Spike ball and corn hole could be enjoyed in safe small groups with use of gloves and face coverings.

### Ping Pong Tournament

The ping pong table will be moved to the center of the lobby so residents are able to view from all angles as at a distance while two people hash it out on the table. Most tables are already 6 feet or longer so the people playing should be just fine. We could limit spectators to a safe number and distance and have people swap out. Paddles could be wiped down after each round.

### Doorstop Painting

Pass out doorstops to paint and designate areas for painting that are 6 feet apart.

### Movie Nights

In-person in the basement with designated spots, or outside on the lawn with a blow-up screen putting markers up for distancing regulations.

### Coffee and Thoughts

One-on-one sessions with the Hall Director in-person at a distance where we discuss different hot topics over coffee.

### Yoga in the Commons

One person in front of group (leading using a speaker/microphone) everyone else physical distancing on yoga mats in commons.

### Paint and Tunes

Space students out (we can even do this in the commons or the wright media center or the hallway with doors open). RA would post a drawing, or a prompt and they would paint and have conversation over music.

### Bingo Night

Caller gets a mic and calls bingo. Everyone will receive a paper bingo card and use their own pen to limit sharing.

### Knights of the Roundtable (A Monthly Series on Current Events)

Utilize space to spread out and have conversations over current events and cultural/social justice.

### Sustainability Program

Students will be able to plant their own flowers in small pots and keep watching their progress on their plant. We will have different stations for each part of the sustainability program that are spaced out. Students will be required to wear a face covering and we will have RAs and students able to be physically distant.

### DEI Program

Students will put their thumbprint on a note card and write some of their identities on the card to be hung up in the lobbies. Hand sanitizing stations will be present so that each student can sanitize their hands after placing their thumbprint on their individual card.

#### Just Dance

Just Dance will be played in the lobby and will have spaces marked that are 6 feet apart for each participant to stand on.

#### Sunday Night Football Watch Party

Students will be able to hang out in the lobby and watch SNF while sitting 6 feet apart and wearing face coverings.

#### Movie Night on the Lawn

Having it where the students can RSVP to be on the lawn with picnic blankets and students can watch the movie from their windows that are on the side where the lawn. We could also have a movie snack cart go to every floor with individually wrapped candies and all RA's wearing face coverings/gloves.

#### Guess That Tune

Residents get in small teams (or individually) and listen to short clips of songs from the 70, 80s, 90s, 2000s, 2010s, and today and write down the name of the song and the artist. These answers could be collected via a Qualtrics form to get rid of the use of paper and sharing pens. There are three rounds and a final round with the top five player/teams. This could take place in the lobby or outside with a physical distanced seating arrangement.