

Life in IISc hostel in quarantine

Entry procedure:

Re-entry procedure is smooth, in which one begins by approaching DWAAR, where sanitisation of one's luggage, hand sanitization and temperature check is carried out. This is followed by some documentation. Further medical check-up is carried out by the health professionals from the health-centre which include temperature check and blood-oxygen saturation level. On being asymptomatic, the individual is issued a yellow card indicating the quarantine end date, which is to be displayed every time the individual steps outside of his/her hostel room.

Hostel and cleanliness aspects, quarantine norms, mess facility: (specific to A-block).

Being unattended to from the past 2-3 months, the hostel rooms are going to be dusty and unclean, and the house keeping staff have been ordered not to assist the student during his/her quarantine period.

Regarding the hygiene of washrooms, rest assured, knowing that they are being cleaned regularly and are sanitised periodically throughout the day. Even though there are slight hiccups in the maintenance of washrooms over the weekend, they are being addressed as we speak. Any issues or suggestions can be directed to the hostel supervisor or the hostel warden who are prompt in responding and solving it (Information pertaining to A block).

It is advised to carry a large tiffin box, preferably segmented, to cater to the variety of dishes being served in the mess. Additionally, a thermal flask would come in handy for hot beverage and hot water. Mess committee is doing their best to include a variety of dishes, across cuisines, to satisfy everyone's taste buds. Also, to improve immunity, kashaya is being served as a beverage. Messes have been separated out for the Quarantined (Q) and the Non-quarantined (NQ), and for the Q students, the yellow badge, mentioned earlier, is mandatory for meals to be served.

Washrooms, sinks and water coolers have been segregated for students in quarantine. Tiffin box must be cleaned in the sinks meant for use by Q students. To effectively dispose food waste, bins lined with plastic cover, marked waste food bin, are placed at strategic locations throughout the hostel. Wearing masks while stepping outside the room is mandatory. A foot operated sanitizer dispenser is placed at the hostel entrance.

After the quarantine ends, one needs to submit the yellow badge along with the quarantine sheet and temperature monitoring sheet to the hostel office and collect

quarantine completion pass. The NQ mess follows strict policies, wherein, a table only accommodates two students. The cutlery is being handed out by the mess staff so that there is no contamination.

Even though there are problems to be addressed, the institute is trying hard to keep everyone safe. It is our (students') duty to strictly adhere to the rules and protocols, to make it safe for everyone.