



Weill Cornell Medicine

Housing

Student Family Housing Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

Family housing is available to Weill Cornell Medicine (WCM) students and their spouses, domestic partners, child(ren), and IRS qualifying dependents.

RESIDENCY

If assigned to a WCM family housing unit, the student and their family member(s) must use the WCM unit as their primary, permanent residence (domicile). Occupancy as a Secondary Resident, as authorized by the Housing Office, is based solely upon the Secondary Resident's relationship to the Primary Resident. A Secondary Resident has no independent right of occupancy, and a Secondary Resident's occupancy shall terminate immediately upon the termination of the Primary Resident's Agreement or upon the termination of Secondary Resident's relationship to the primary resident, whichever occurs first.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The student must submit a Family Housing Application and required documentation to the Housing Office.

Housing placement is based on availability, and the submission of an application and supporting materials does not constitute a guarantee of family housing.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- **Spouse:** A copy of a valid marriage certificate.
- **Domestic Partner:** A copy of a valid Domestic Partnership certificate.
- **Child(ren):** A copy of a valid birth certificate, adoption papers, or passport indicating the parentage of the child. An application for adoption will not be accepted.
- **Qualifying IRS Dependent:** A copy of your United States federal tax return for the tax year before the date of your application for family housing. The person must qualify as a dependent under the guidelines of the Internal Revenue Service, regardless of the fact that the person may be considered as a dependent under the law of another nation.

FALSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTATION

Falsification of documents and records to certify eligibility for family housing will result in either a denial of your application or a possible loss of housing.

ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

Placements are based on available inventory. We are unable to accommodate requests for specific properties, unit types, or move-in dates. The WCM Housing maintains a waitlist as needed for family housing units and makes housing offers as vacancies arise.

Once an offer of family housing is made, the student will have one week to accept or decline the offer. If the offer is accepted, the Housing Office will work with the student to determine a move-in date.

If an offer of family housing is declined, the student will be moved to the bottom of the waitlist. WCM Housing will make a second and final offer when the student reaches the top of waitlist.

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CHANGE OF FAMILY HOUSING ACCOMODATIONS

Students already residing in WCM family housing units can request a change of accommodations if there is a change in family size. They must request the change by emailing housing@med.cornell.edu and providing any required supporting documentation.

The Housing Office will consider requests for change of accommodations in which there is no change in family status on a limited basis and when permissible.

CHANGE IN QUALIFYING STATUS

All students who are approved for family housing must maintain family housing eligibility while in WCM Housing. You must notify the WCM Housing Office of the termination of a marriage, domestic partnership, change in IRS dependent status, or if a family member no longer considers your WCM unit their permanent residence (domicile).