What is the timeline for the Renewal process?

- The housing Renewal process begins in mid-February.
  - Students going through Renewal will have ten (10) days to complete the housing process for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- The room selection process begins in March.
  - An initial email will be sent to students’ Ohio State email with their lottery number at the conclusion of the Renewal period.
  - A second email will be sent with the specific day and time that students can begin room select.

Why is Student Life University Housing implementing a random lottery for Room Select?

- Student Life University Housing is utilizing a random lottery process in order to give each student an equal opportunity to select a room and building.

How is position in the lottery determined?

- All students who complete the Renewal process by the deadline of February 24 at 5:00PM will be included in the lottery.
  - After the Renewal process has closed, all students will be emailed a randomly-generated number that will determine the order in which they select their room.
  - The lottery is random and is not weighted by GPA or class rank.

How do I note roommate request(s)?

- During Renewal, students can form roommate groups of up to five (5) people.
  - Students may only request students currently going through Renewal
  - Each roommate group will have a roommate Group Leader. The Group Leader is responsible for verifying the roommate group during the Renewal process.
  - Verified roommate groups will be given the same randomly-generated lottery number to enable them to select a room at the same time.

What if I change my mind and do not want to be assigned with the group?

- Students who no longer wish to be part of their roommate group can remove themselves from the roommate group while the Renewal process is open. If a student doesn’t want to be in their roommate group once the process is closed, students are still able to select a room independently of their group during their assigned selection time.

How can my requested roommate and I be assigned to the same room?

- Students in verified roommate groups will receive the same randomly-generated lottery number enabling them to select a room at the same time. Students may choose to select a room together from the available spaces, or the Group Leader may assign all members of a group to a room.

I want to live in lower rate housing. How can I request to do so?

- The room selection process is self-select so students can pick a room that best fits their financial needs.
  - Although rates for the 2020-2021 academic year have not been determined, you can view current rates of available rooms here: [https://housing.osu.edu/living-on-campus/regional-campuses/regional-campus-standard-housing-rates/](https://housing.osu.edu/living-on-campus/regional-campuses/regional-campus-standard-housing-rates/).
What if I have need of special assignment consideration based upon supplemental concerns?
- Students may indicate any supplemental concerns they have online in the Renewal process.
  - If a student has supplemental concerns, they will need to submit documentation to Student Life University Housing by the end of the Renewal period on February 24 at 5:00PM.

I want to live with a student who is a transfer/incoming first-year student for the autumn 2020 semester? How can I request them as my roommate?
- Transfer students and incoming first-year students will complete their housing materials after the Renewal process has concluded. Students may request transfer or incoming first-year roommates by submitting a request through the preliminary assignment room change request form which will be made available after the Room Select process is complete.
- Transfer students should contact the University Housing Office to determine their housing eligibility for the 2020-2021 academic year.

What if I decide I no longer want to renew my contract for the 2020-2021 academic year?
- If you know now that you do not want to renew your contract for the 2020-2021 academic year, then you do not need to complete the renewal process. If the reason you are not renewing is that you are transferring to the Columbus campus, then contact the housing office at housing@osu.edu or by calling 614-292-8266 to explain your change as soon as possible.
- If you decide to cancel your housing contract for the 2020-2021 academic year after signing the contract and paying the Space Reservation Fee, please email the housing office at housing@osu.edu to proceed with your cancellation before June 1st, 2020. Cancellations received before June 1st, 2020 are eligible for a 50% refund of the Space Reservation Fee ($150).