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Free Temporary Housing Option

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Dear Colleague:

Earlier this week, we communicated several discounted hotel accommodations for Lifespan employees who risk exposure to COVID-19 at work and live with a vulnerable family or household member.

We have also been working in partnership with the State of Rhode Island to secure **no-cost** temporary housing at Brown University, which will now be available starting as early as next week.

This is a first-come, first-served dormitory housing option for health care workers who do not have the means to afford a discounted hotel room.

This housing option is **not available to people who have tested positive for COVID-19 or have related symptoms**. The State is offering separate quarantine and isolation housing to those who need a safe place to stay.

Free Dormitory Housing Details

- Single-bed units with linens (blanket and towel included), floors are not gender-specific
- Gender-specific shared bathrooms
- Reservation requires minimum of four nights per week
- Self-service laundry available, \$1.50 per load
- Free parking
- Free WiFi
- Dining hall is open with grab and go service; cash or card accepted (limited hours)
- Must bring personal toiletries and other items, entertainment (no TVs in room),

food, pillow, etc.

How to Reserve

- To request free dormitory housing at Brown University or to view available discounted hotel accommodations, please visit [COVID Temporary Housing](https://www.lifespan.org/covid-housing). (<https://www.lifespan.org/covid-housing>)
- If you submit a request for the free housing option, a member of the Lifespan housing team will get back to you within 48 hours.

As a reminder, the State also established an online portal that offers discounted lodging for frontline workers throughout Rhode Island: [Visit RI Havens](#).

Housing resources, including a list of professional organizations offering free rooms to members, is also on Lifespan's COVID-19 intranet site under [Personal/Family Resources](#).

We are continuing to work hard to support your health and safety needs during this crisis.

Very truly yours,

Lisa Abbott



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