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IMPORTANT DATES

MOVE-IN INFORMATION EMAIL JULY 31, 2026
MOVE-IN DAY AUGUST 19 - 22



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ROOM SELECTION GUIDE OVERVIEW

This Room Selection guide provides information about options that appear within the [Housing Self-Service Portal](#) and how to select a room during the Room Selection Phase as an individual or group. If you have any questions regarding this phase after reviewing this guide, please email us at reslife@csuohio.edu.

HOUSING SELECTION VIRTUAL HELP DESK

The Department of Residence Life and Housing will provide a [Virtual Help Desk](#) during all room selection timeslots throughout the week, starting April 6th from 9 AM to 4 PM each day. Students can access the help desk via this [Virtual Help Desk link](#). Students can also find the link on the [Housing Self-Service Portal](#) on the right side of the Room Selection pages.



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TIMESLOTS & SELECTION LEADER INFORMATION

All students who were not assigned through a pre-selection process (ODS Accommodations) will receive a timeslot. This timeslot will indicate when you (or your Selection Leader) will be able to select an open room. If you do not select a room (for yourself or your group) during your selection timeslot, you will be manually assigned a room. If you miss the Returning Student Selection Process, you will be added to the Pending Assignment List and will be manually assigned. You can view your timeslot in the email that was sent on April 3rd and on your Housing Self-Service portal in the “Room Selection & Roommates” section. Students who are going through the process “Solo” will be able to see their selection timeslot.

Selection Leader Designation & Responsibilities

The default Selection Leader has been designated as the first group member listed alphabetically by Last Name. The “Selection Leader” assigns everyone in the group. It is important for all group members to discuss various plans for housing if their first choice does not appear during their timeslot. Come up with a plan B, a plan C, and so on.

To change your Selection Leader, please follow these steps:

1. Decide as a Group who will be your Selection Leader. It should be a mutually agreed upon decision. Ensure that you elect the “most responsible” individual and someone who doesn’t have an academic or personal commitment during your timeslot.
2. Have your new Selection Leader log into their Housing Self Service Portal during your timeslot to select a room for your group. Only one person from your group is required to select during your timeslot.



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SEARCHING FOR A ROOM (INDIVIDUAL & GROUPS)

To participate in the Housing Selection Process, you will need:

- Access to a device with internet access (laptop/computer recommended, but phones/tablets are usable)
- An idea of what kind of room type you'd like to live in or specific hall
- A timeslot provided by the Office of Residence Life and Housing
 - Emailed to students who successfully completed a Returning Student Housing Agreement by March 13th.

IMPORTANT: Once you select , you are **LOCKED** in for the year.

AS TIME INCREASES AFTER YOUR TIMESLOT, MORE STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT A ROOM FOR FALL. IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED YOU MOVE THROUGH THE SELECTION PROCESS AS QUICKLY AND CAREFULLY AS POSSIBLE.



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SEARCHING FOR A ROOM (INDIVIDUAL & GROUPS)

STEP #1: Locating Your Timeslot

Your timeslot will be located under the “[Room Selection](#)” header on the homepage and will be visible by the end of day on Friday, April 3rd. It’s indicated in the example below with the orange circle. In this example, the student can only SELECT a space after April 7th @ 2:00 PM:

·AT/AFTER YOUR TIMESLOT: You will be able to select any open room which meets your search criteria

IMPORTANT: You must select a room during your respective “Selection Times” timeframe. If you do not select a room (for yourself or your group) during your selection timeslot, you will be manually assigned a room. If you miss the Returning Student Selection Process, you will need to be added to the Pending Assignment List and will be manually assigned. In the example below, this student must select during the circled times:

Click  to proceed to the next step of the process:

Room Selection

Returning Student Room Selection

Your start time is indicated below. This is the soonest you will be able to select a room in the portal. Before your timeslot: you will be able to search in the system to see which rooms are still available in the selection process. During your timeslot: You will be able to select a room for you or your roommate group during the times listed on your Housing Self-Service Portal. Click "Select a Room/Suite" when you are ready to search for spaces or select a space.

Start Time: 04/07/2023, 02:00:00 PM ← YOUR SELECTION

Selection Times

04/07/2023, 01:50:00 PM to 04/07/2023, 05:00:00 PM

Select A Room/Suite



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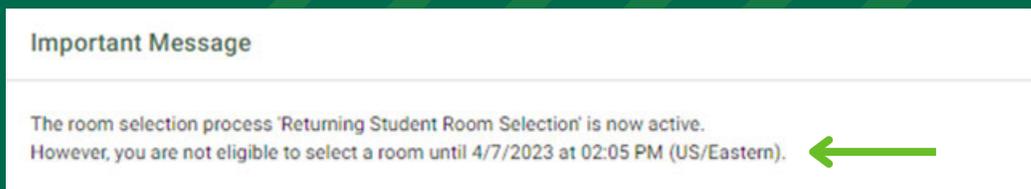
SEARCHING FOR A ROOM (INDIVIDUAL & GROUPS)

STEP #2: Searching for an Open Space or Selecting an Open Space

The next page will look slightly different depending on when your timeslot occurs. Each page has the same functionality. You will be able to search against our system for the following information. You can use one or two search criteria to determine open spaces:

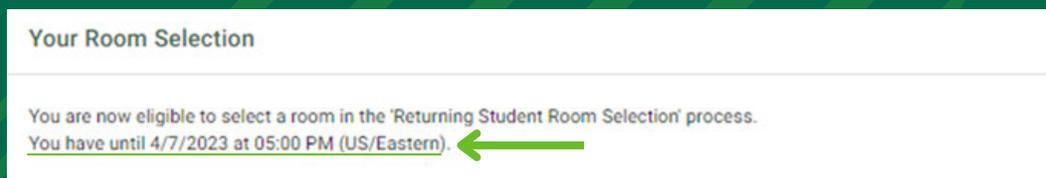
- **Hall**
 - Useful to identify large amounts of open rooms in a specific hall
 - First year halls will populate, but there will not be any rooms within the selection process
- **Room Type**
 - Very useful to determine if there are any single units still available within the system or if you have an idea for a particular room type you'd like to live in (i.e. Edge 2 Bdrm, etc.)

BEFORE YOUR TIMESLOT: You'll see "However, you are not eligible to select a room until" (See "Selecting a Room..." section for more information)



Click [Search Available Rooms](#) to search for what rooms are still available

DURING/AFTER YOUR TIMESLOT: You'll see "You have until" (See "Selecting a Room..." section for more information).



Click [Search Available Rooms](#) to begin searching for rooms which are available to select



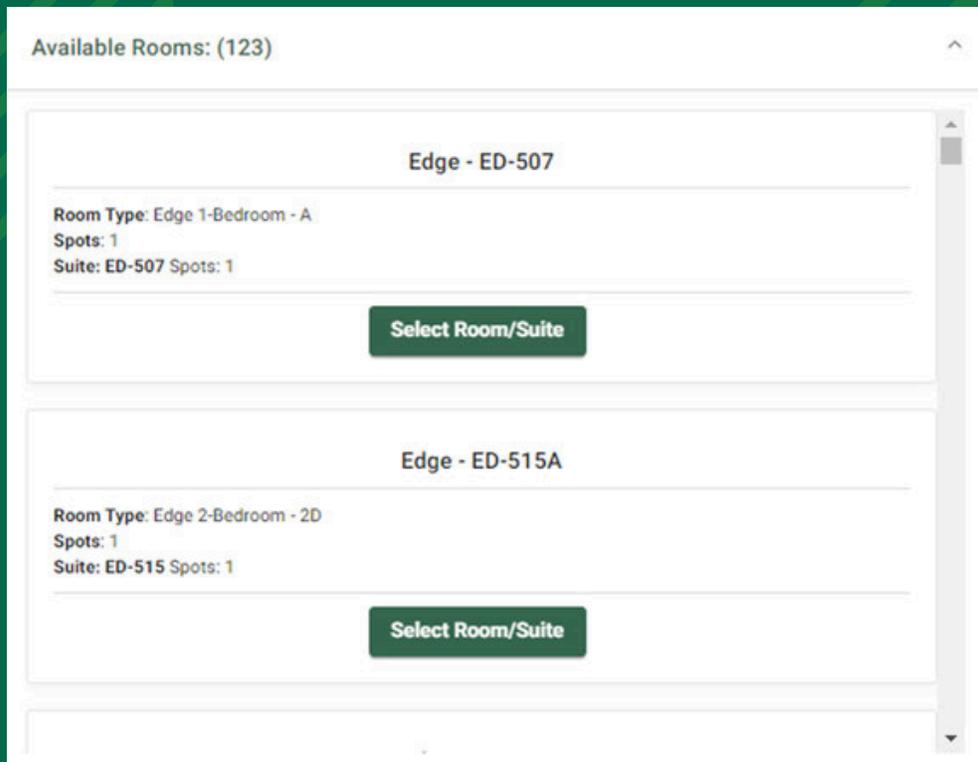
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SELECTING A ROOM AS AN INDIVIDUAL (SOLO)

STEP #1: Finding Your Room

Once you select your search criteria, you will see a screen which lists all available beds that fit your search. As an individual, you will be able to select any open space in either a single, double, triple within a room or suite. Solo students will be able to select single apartment units.



Once you have determined the room you would like to select, Click  to proceed to the next step



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STEP #2: Selecting Your Room

In this example the student, “Ant Man”, selected “Edge 507”:

Room Edge ED-507

Room ED-507 Bed 1
Ant Man Lang

Please make sure that this is correct (You will not be able to change this yourself)

Submit Room Selection

Some helpful tips and hints:

- It genuinely doesn't matter which bed you assign yourself in as a SOLO
- You will be able to see the names of those students already assigned to the space
- If you are having difficulty selecting a room, please visit the [Housing Selection Virtual Help Desk](#) during normal business hours.

IMPORTANT: Once you select,  you are **LOCKED** in for the year.

To confirm your fall assignment, you can review the “Assignments” section of your Housing Self-Service homepage (be sure to select “[Fall 2026](#)”).

Assignments

Fall 2023

Hall Name: Langston
Room: LA-1201A
Bed: 1
Room Type: Langston 3-Bedroom - C1

Roommates/Suitemates: 2
Rogers, Captain America - Room: LA-1201B
| Bed: 1
Romanoff, Black Widow - Room: LA-1201C
| Bed: 1



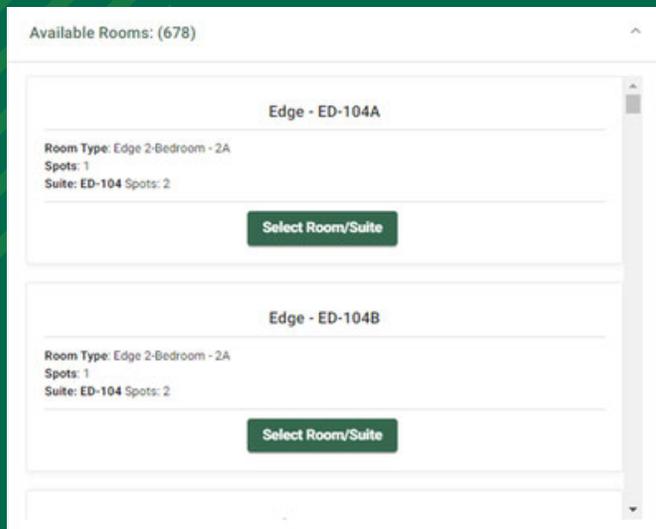
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SELECTING A ROOM AS A GROUP (PAIRS, GROUPS 3+)

STEP #1: Finding Your Room

Once you select your search criteria, you will see a screen which lists all available beds that fit your search. As a group, you will be able to select any open spaces for you and your group members within a unit.



Once you have determined the unit you would like to select, click  to proceed to the next step



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SELECTING A ROOM AS A GROUP (PAIRS, GROUPS 3+)

STEP #2: Selecting Your Beds/Rooms for Your Group Members

In this example students, “Captain America” and “Black Widow”, and “Hulk” selected “Langston 1201”:

Room Langston LA-1201C

Room LA-1201A Bed 1 Captain America Rogers	Room LA-1201B Bed 1 Black Widow Romanoff
Room LA-1201C Bed 1 Hulk Banner	

Please make sure that this is correct (You will not be able to change this yourself)

Submit Room Selection

IMPORTANT: Once you select **Submit Room Selection** , you are **LOCKED** in for the year.

I'm unhappy with my Fall assignment, can I change it?

Once you click the “Submit Room Selection” button, you are assigned to that room for the Fall.