OFY/URL Spring Arrival Information Session
Arrival Information

HRS sent you an email on January 28 with your confirmed arrival date and time. *If anything changes, write to firstyear@mit.edu.* Don’t worry about flight delays, or if you’re running a little late. We’ll be flexible!

Arrival options:

1) Arriving by airplane/train/bus/taxi, and/or planning to be dropped off.
   - TIP: if using a taxi and/or ride sharing app, use 84 Massachusetts Ave as your drop off point. This will land you right in front of Kresge, where you’ll check in.

2) Arriving by car? There will be parking lots available.

*Note: All guests must be accompanied by the student at all times*

*Questions while traveling? Message us via Slack!*
Airport Shuttle Information

- **Airport shuttles will be available for first-year students on Saturday, February 13.**
  Guests traveling with first-year students will be accommodated as space permits on shuttles, and longer wait times may apply. Additional information regarding shuttle pickup areas and times will be provided. Airport shuttles arriving on campus will drop you off at Kresge Oval and you will check-in at Kresge before visiting the Johnson Athletic Center for COVID-19 testing. We will be help you navigate on-campus shuttles to get to your assigned residence hall.

- **Hourly airport shuttles will be available by reservation only (email shuttles@mit.edu with your full name, arrival time, phone number, email and airline) from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Sunday, February 14 and Monday, February 15.** You will receive a reservation confirmation with additional shuttle information, including the pickup location.
  - **NOTE:** space is limited, as there will be physically-distanced seating on all vehicles. If reservations for airport shuttle service are fully booked, you may need to take public transportation or arrange for private transportation to campus. Airport shuttles are for students only (not for guests or family members). Shuttles arriving on campus will drop-off at the Kresge Oval, a short walk from the Johnson Athletic Center.
Chapel Turnaround

If taking the free shuttle from Boston-Logan to campus, it will drop you off at the Chapel Turnaround - right next to Kresge.

This will be your view of Kresge from the Chapel Turnaround.
View from 84 Mass Ave (if being dropped off)

Kresge

Student Center
Check in at Kresge

Walk from Chapel
Turnaround into Kresge. Here, you will check in with OFY staff, get your ID card, and other swag.

You will have the option to leave your luggage outside Kresge while you get your first COVID test.
Walk from Kresge to Z-Center for COVID test

The building with the glass exterior on the right is the Z-Center. Inside the Z-Center, on the Johnson Ice Rink, is where you’ll get your first COVID test.

This will be your view, exiting Kresge.
COVID test at Z-Center’s Johnson Ice Rink

Close up photographs of the Z-Center exterior.
Enter the Z-Center
COVID-19 Testing: inside Johnson Ice Rink
COVID-19 Testing: inside Johnson Ice Rink
Exit the testing area

This will be your view when you exit the Z-Center’s Johnson Ice Rink.

You will be on Vassar Street - New Vassar (residence hall) will be across the street.
Gather luggage from Kresge & check in at Residence Hall

Walk to Residence Hall to check in. Luggage will be transported for those living in East Campus, MacGregor, New House, Next House, Random and/or Simmons.

This will be your view when you exit the Z-Center to collect your luggage from Kresge.
Orientation: February 14 & 15

Full schedule, including Zoom links, available here:

https://firstyear.mit.edu/first-year-advising-programs/orientation/orientation-orientation-activities
What to Expect: Living on Campus this Spring

Spring 2021 Housing information: http://studentlife.mit.edu/spring2021

Undergraduate student policies: http://studentlife.mit.edu/covid19policies

Complete your COVID training module: http://covidpass.mit.edu

Logistics of Q Week:

- Must stay in your room during the entirety of the week (Ends Feb. 22nd)
- Exceptions are to:
  - Use the restroom
  - Pickup packages
  - Get meals
  - Exercise outside for up to 1 hour per day
- While outside your room you must follow all safety guidelines.
  - https://youtu.be/YkTpIyWc1a8
Who’s Who in your Residence Hall?

- Head of House
- Area Director (ADs)
- House Operations Managers (HOMs)
- Graduate Resident Advisors (GRAs)
- Resident Peer Mentors (RPMs)
- House Execs & DormCon


You’ll also meet your House Team on Sunday, February 14 between 12-2pm EST, as a part of Orientation.
Residential Pod Program

While students may begin the pod formation process in late January or early February 2021, pods cannot begin to exercise pod privileges until after residents participate in Quarantine Week “Q-Week” (February 22).

http://studentlife.mit.edu/pods
Questions?