

Residential Life

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Subject: COVID-19 Housing Information

Dear Residents:

Yesterday communication was sent by Dr. Hrabowski regarding the guidance around spring break closing and COVID-19.

Eight-month residents are still expected to vacate by 8 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020, as originally communicated.

However, students should not plan to return to campus before April 5, 2020 at 9 a.m. Students should continue to monitor communication from UMBC and Residential Life regarding instructions for return, in the event that the return date is extended.

For additional information on COVID-19, prevention tips, and what UMBC is doing to prepare is available [here](#).

Check-Out Instructions

We recognize that this decision may have significant impacts for students. As you make arrangements to travel home or off campus, we encourage you to take the items you would need for an extended stay. You do not need to move out of your residence. However, access to the Residential Communities will be very limited.

Before leaving, students are expected to:

- Take valuables home including medicine, passports, electronics, and any other items you will need over break and for online classes.
- Clean your bathroom and personal spaces well. To avoid a stuffy bathroom, leave the bathroom door open.
- Remove and dispose of all trash in a trash room or a dumpster.
- Set the heat between 72-74.
- Unplug all appliances and extension cords from the wall. If approved appliances are left plugged in, make sure the electrical connections are safe: not running under rugs, hanging loosely out of the wall, or plugged into a thin extension cord.
- Remove fish and/or plants.
- Turn off water. Make sure faucets are not dripping.
- Turn off lights and bathroom exhaust fans.
- Close and lock all windows and doors.
- Close blinds on ground floor rooms; leave blinds up on all other floors.
- Clean your refrigerator and dispose of perishable items. Defrost and prop microfridge doors open.
- Report facilities concerns to fxit.umbc.edu.

Dining Information



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We encourage you to review [view updated Dining Hours](#) and Service Information and consider alternative food arrangements (ex. [Retriever Essentials](#)).

Mail Services

All community desk mail service will end on **March 13, 2020**, and will not resume until the halls reopen. Please contact companies directly to update your mailing information before departing, and avoid sending packages and mail to UMBC during this period.

Should you have any questions please submit a ticket [via RT](#). We appreciate your understanding and wish you safe and healthy travels over the next few weeks!