



## RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Dear Fall 2020 Residential Student,

On Friday, May 29, the [University System of Maryland \(USM\)](#) shared guiding principles and a broad framework as USM campuses plan for the fall semester. Yesterday, President Hrabowski and Provost Rous shared an update with our campus community about [plans specific to UMBC](#). Our faculty, staff, administrators, and students are currently working collaboratively to develop plans for fall opening that ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our entire community, and expect to share these plans in the coming weeks.

UMBC has determined that the pre-COVID-19 on-campus residence density is not achievable in a safe and healthy way in the current and near-term environment. Therefore, the University's plans for fall will include a reduced-density model in our residential community. The exact number and configuration of on-campus housing units will be determined in a way that prioritizes those students who otherwise would not be able to complete courses required for continued progress toward their degrees. Residential Life staff are working with administrators and other campus partners, including our resident assistants, student government, and other student leaders, to determine the best ways to support our students residing on campus this fall.

We understand that many students and families have questions and concerns about what this will mean for them specifically, and more information about how this limited residential space will be assigned will be available soon. We will be actively engaging community members in this process and will be sharing a survey with you soon.

If you are unsure about your fall plans, we encourage you to wait for further instruction before cancelling a housing assignment, as we are revisiting our cancellation process for those impacted by COVID-19 modifications. While we can't wait to see all of you in person or online in the fall, if you know you won't be back or plan to commute, please notify Residential Life as soon as possible via an [RT Ticket \(https://reslife.umbc.edu/contact-us/\)](https://reslife.umbc.edu/contact-us/).

We know this is a challenging time, and thank you for your patience. We will be back in touch with you later this month to share more details once UMBC's plan is finalized.

Sincerely,

John Fox  
Director of Residential Life