



RESIDENTIAL LIFE

August 17, 2020

Dear Student, we are excited you will be joining us in a few days! Below are some quick check-in reminders that we ask you to review before you arrive.

Before You Arrive

- Take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19. In order to work together to try to create a safe community, we need you to comply with the best [guidelines for preventing COVID-19 infection and spread](#).
- Complete the required [Return to Campus COVID Awareness course](#) and sign the Retriever Community Agreement (included at the end of the course) by August 27, 2020.
- Complete UMBC's [online symptom tracker every day](#), seven days a week, beginning 14 days in advance of [your move-in date](#) and continuing every day this semester.
- Make sure you submit your medical documentation, immunization, and meningitis documents to [University Health Services](#).
- Print and complete the mandatory [COVID-19 Testing Pre-Registration and Consent Form](#) and bring with you on your move-in day. Failure to bring this completed form will delay your move-in process.
- Complete any required applications on your [Housing Portal Page](#) (<http://umbc.edu/go/housing>) (specifically for West Hill and Quiet Lifestyle Residents).
- Review and pay your [E-bill statement](#) online.
- Explore the Residential Life [Move-In FAQs](#) for more information.

When You Arrive

- Students and those helping with their move-in are required to wear a face covering. There will be hand sanitizer on-site and each student will receive a UMBC mask. In addition, you and anyone with you should also bring personal protective equipment (PPE), including a mask and hand sanitizer.
- Drive to the [Commons Garage](#) during your assigned [check-in time](#) to initiate the check-in process, which includes required mobile COVID-19 testing, facilitated by University Health Services, and Campus Card distribution (returning students will not receive a new card unless it was reported as lost). All students arriving must be tested to gain access to their residential building.

- After testing, you will be directed as close as possible to your residential community. Our goal is for each vehicle to remain in the unloading zone for no more than 15 minutes, in order to keep move-in traffic flowing steadily.
- Students will go to their community desk to get their campus card programmed, while a passenger stays with the vehicle in the unloading zone.
- You will have 15 minutes to unload your vehicle. Due to COVID-19 physical-distancing precautions, we strongly recommend that you bring no more than two (2) additional people to support you with your move-in. Only one (1) support person will be permitted with you in your room or apartment at one time.
- Once your vehicle is unloaded, cars will need to be moved to long-term parking.

As you settle in, you should complete two forms with your roommate(s): **Room Condition Report** and **Roommate Agreement**. In order to access these forms you should:

1. Go to <https://roompact.com/login>
2. Click login and enter your UMBC email address.
3. Once logged in you may be prompted to complete some basic tasks (ex. update your profile).
4. Using the left menu, click **Forms** to access the Room Condition Report.
5. Traditional Hall residents, click **Forms** to start your Roommate Agreement.
6. Apartment and Suite residents, click **Agreements** to start your Roommate Agreement.

What is a Room Condition Report?

You are responsible for indicating any pre-existing damage or issues in your room, using the electronic Room Condition Report (RCR) by **Sunday, August 30, 2020**.

When you move out (all residential facilities close on November 25), Residential Life will inspect your room for damages or issues. If damages are found in your room that were not indicated on your RCR, you could be held responsible for sharing the cost for repair. Submission of the RCR is mandatory. If you don't submit an RCR, our staff will have to assume any and all issues reported occurred during your occupancy.

What is a Roommate Agreement?

Roommate Agreements are a great way to get to know your apartment, suite, and roommate(s) and to establish shared commitments for living together, especially during this unique time. Community members are expected to complete the Roommate Agreement with those in their shared space and connect with their RA. Please refer to communication from your RA for deadlines and expectations for meeting to review your roommate agreement.

Important COVID-19 Health Reminders

Students and their families should not travel to campus to move-in if they are experiencing [symptoms](#), including: fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, body aches, new loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion, nausea, diarrhea, and headache. UMBC is committed to keeping residents and the community safe and has developed a procedure for giving students access to quarantine housing if needed.

Effective July 29, Maryland's Governor issued an [Out-of-State Travel Advisory](#). This advisory applies to all students traveling from the states with infection rates exceeding 10 percent. As of August 17, that includes: Florida, Texas, Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona, Alabama, South Carolina, Nebraska, Mississippi, Nevada, and Idaho (for up-to-date information please visit this [site](#)). This advisory requires anyone coming from those states, or internationally (residing, working/interning, or vacationing), to get tested and self-quarantine while awaiting results. Students self-quarantining after campus arrival will be relocated to a temporary apartment unit with campus support for meals. Additional information on the quarantine process will be shared with residents after arrival. If you are arriving in Maryland earlier than your scheduled campus arrival date and time, we recommend that you consider one of the following [local accommodations](#). In the event that Maryland and local quarantine/isolation guidance expands to additional states and locations, we will contact those out-of-state and international students via email.

Thank you,

UMBC Residential Life

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