



## RESIDENTIAL LIFE

August 7, 2020

**Dear Resident,** we are very excited that you will be joining us this fall! This email includes important information related to move-in. We encourage you to read it fully and to contact us with any questions.

While no community can be completely free of COVID-19, our actions as a campus during the COVID-19 pandemic can protect one another's health and limit the spread of the disease. UMBC will dramatically reduce the density of people on campus, from a population of 16,000 students, faculty, and staff during a normal semester to an anticipated daily population of 2,500 this fall.

### **Pre-Move-In Instructions**

Prior to arriving, 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](#), including, when possible, limiting your exposure outside of your home in the weeks prior to arriving on campus; maintaining physical distancing and wearing a mask when you do gather with others outside of your home; and practicing good hand washing hygiene.

Please do your part to help us start the year with the healthiest possible community, so we can protect the UMBC residential experience for you and your fellow students.

Review documentation and submit forms, including but not limited to:

- [Find your check-in time!](#)
- Residents arriving to campus will first be required to be tested for COVID-19 immediately upon their date of arrival.
- Residents will be required to complete UMBC's [online symptom tracker every day](#), seven days a week beginning 14 days in advance of [your move-in date](#). The form takes about 30 seconds to complete and includes a field to note your temperature and simple check boxes to indicate any symptoms or exposure. Respondents who indicate possible COVID-19 symptoms or exposure may receive a follow-up call or other instructions based on their specific responses. We also encourage you to bookmark the [symptom tracking site](#) in your web browser.

- Make sure you submit your medical documentation, immunization, and meningitis documents by **August 14, 2020**. Students will not be able to move into their room without meningitis information on file at [University Health Services](#).
- Review and pay your [E-bill statement](#) online.
- Check out the [Residential Life Packing List](#).
- Review the 2020-2021 [UMBC Residential Life Rights & Responsibilities Guide](#), which includes detailed information on your role in protecting campus community health and safety during the pandemic. You will be required to complete a Return to Campus Student Module and Retriever Community Agreement at a later date. More information on the module and Retriever Community Agreement is available on the [Retrievers Return Roadmap site](#).
- Visit the UMBC [Retrievers Return Roadmap site](#) for information about campus services.
- Explore the Residential Life [Move-In FAQs](#) for more information.

Returning students, if you lost your ID over the summer, please submit an [RT Ticket with Campus Card and Mail Services](#) (<https://campuscard.umbc.edu/general-inquiries/>) to request a reprint prior to August 20, 2020. Campus Card Services will pre-print and distribute all replacement cards as part of the move-in day registration process.

### **COVID-19 Move-In Safety Instructions**

Students and those helping with their move-in are required to wear a face covering. You should also consider bringing other personal protective equipment (PPE) including hand sanitizer.

We strongly recommend that you bring no more than two (2) additional people to support you with your move-in. Only 1 support person will be permitted in your room or apartment at one time.

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 travelling from the states with infection rates exceeding 10 percent. **As of August 7, that includes: Florida, Texas, Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona, Alabama, South Carolina, Nebraska 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 re-located 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 explore 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.

### **Check-In Directions, Unloading & Parking Information**

Please follow these step-by-step instructions to ensure a smooth and safe check-in:

1. Students will be directed by University Police to the [Commons Garage](#) to initiate the check-in process, which includes required University Health Services facilitated mobile COVID-19 testing and Campus Card distribution (returning students will not receive a new card unless it was reported as lost).
2. After testing, University Police will direct you 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.
3. Students will go to their community desk to get their campus card programmed, while a passenger stays with the vehicle in the unloading zone. Students attempting to check in who have not received a COVID-19 test will be redirected to the Commons Garage before they can receive their keys/card access.
4. You will have 15 minutes to unload your vehicle.
5. Once your vehicle is unloaded, cars will need to be moved to long-term parking, usually no more than a 5- to 10-minute walk back to the residential community.
6. University Police will monitor traffic and parking conditions.

Please keep in mind that there will be no campus-provided moving assistance, as a measure to reduce contact. A limited number of moving carts will be available. Given the November 25 hall closing, we strongly recommend that students pack light to help with the ease of the move-in and move-out process.

### **Cancellations**

We appreciate that our students and families are facing many unique decisions during these challenging times and we are committed to supporting you. **If your plans have changed and you wish to cancel your on-campus housing assignment**, please submit an [RT Ticket](https://reslife.umbc.edu/contact-us/) (<https://reslife.umbc.edu/contact-us/>) informing us of your decision. To help ensure that a financial impact is not a distraction, we are waiving all cancellation fees and costs associated with cancelling your housing license.

Please keep an eye out for another email on August 17 with final reminders and COVID-19 updates. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Thank you,

UMBC Residential Life

410-455-2591 (answered during business hours.)

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