



RESIDENTIAL LIFE

After November 16, 2020

[date]

[i_person_resident|fullname], [i_person_resident|school_student_id]

Dear [i_person_resident|fname],

We hope that you and your family members are safe and healthy. We want to take the time to offer you on-campus housing for the spring 2021 semester. **To accept this offer you must complete the Housing License by Sunday, December 6, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.**

- The term of the license is for the entire spring semester only (January 26, 2021 through May 20, 2021).
- The spring semester room rate is \$3,925, which includes the \$175 communication and technology fee.
- Students will be assigned to housing by the Residential Life staff. Our staff will do our best to honor fall room assignments and roommates; however, we may need to reassign students to new buildings/rooms depending on the make-up of the spring semester residential population.
- Room assignment, roommate and move-in information will be shared with students no later than January 15, 2021.

At the center of your decision to return to on-campus housing this spring should be your comfort level and your commitment to the health of yourself and our entire community. For those who lived on campus in the fall, you will not see significant changes for spring housing. We will continue with the following housing adjustments and campus expectations:

- We will be limiting on-campus housing to one student per bedroom. Residents will share a bathroom with at least one other student. For information about requesting a new or different roommate please see the Spring Roommate Requests section below.
- Residents will be expected to abide by all University expectations for social distancing, testing, face covering, etc. Violations of the Retriever Community Agreement or the University's COVID-19 emergency health and safety rules, policies, and expectations will be taken seriously and may result in removal of the student from on-campus housing.
- Students must complete UMBC's online symptom tracker every day, seven days a week, beginning 14 days in advance of your move-in date (January 8, 2021).
- New residents must complete the Return to Campus COVID Awareness course (on Blackboard) and sign the Retriever Community Agreement (included at the end of the course) by January 15, 2020 in order to move-in as scheduled.

- For a complete list of expectations please visit <https://reslife.umbc.edu/covid-19-residential-life-updates/residential-expectations-and-experience-faqs/>.

While the University will take significant precautions to safeguard the health and safety of everyone, this also requires cooperation and a pledge from every community member to safeguard our community. The choices you make impact those around you. A healthy and sanitized environment can be compromised by any single person bringing the virus onto our campus.

SPRING ROOMMATE REQUESTS

Students interested in requesting a new or different suitemate/apartment-mate should follow the below instructions to request up to one (1) roommate, with whom they will share a bathroom.

1. Once you complete the Spring 2021 License
2. Go to <http://www.umbc.edu/reslife/apply> and log in with your myUMBC username and password.
3. On the top-right hand corner of your screen, you will see a box that reads "Your Passcode" and a random string of characters. This unique roommate code is **[applicant | passcode]**. This is not any kind of password - this is how you will match together as roommates.
4. Give that passcode to your group leader. By giving the person setting up the roommate group your passcode, you are indicating that you wish to be roommates.

Please note: Only ONE person in the roommate pair needs to perform the steps below:

5. On the top of the screen, go to the Roommates tab.
6. Select the Spring 2021 term.
7. Click on the "Find someone you know" tab.
8. Next to the "Enter a Roommate Code" label, enter the passcode that your potential roommate has given you. You must click "Send Invite" and "Send" on the subsequent message prompt to send your roommate request.

Instructions for the person receiving the request:

1. Your prospective roommate will receive an email with a link to accept the request. They need to click on that link and click Accept to pair with you as roommates.

Roommate requests must be finalized by Friday, December 11, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

FAQS & CONTACT

For general questions and additional information on expectations and our health and safety practices, please visit our [FAQ page](#).

If you have any specific questions please feel free to submit a [Request Tracker \(RT\) ticket](#) or call 410-455-2591.

We look forward to seeing you this spring!