



## RESIDENTIAL LIFE

February 26, 2021

Dear Resident Name,

This year, due to COVID-19 prevention and public health recommendations to not travel during spring break, all residence halls and apartments will remain open during spring break. To keep yourself and your families safe and healthy, we are strongly encouraging you to stay on campus and use the time during spring break to relax and recharge. By allowing students to remain on campus UMBC hopes to minimize off-campus travel and COVID-19 transmission. There is no additional cost to remain on campus; however we encourage you to review the section on Dining & Meal Plans below.

### **Symptom Tracking & Testing**

**Tracking:** All residential students must continue to complete the daily symptom tracker during spring break regardless of whether or not you leave campus. Testing will be required for those students remaining on campus. **Please watch your email for additional instructions related to testing.**

### **Dining & Meal Plan Options**

True Grit's will remain open daily for brunch (11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) and dinner (4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.) during spring break. Late night dining will not be available. For more information on hours of operation and daily menus, please visit <https://dineoncampus.com/umbc/>.

Students that currently have a meal plan for the spring semester will not be able to use that plan during the spring break period; however, you will be able to use your flex dollars that are associated with your current meal plan. Semester meal plans will reactivate on Sunday, March 21, 2021.

Students may purchase a Spring Break Meal Plan (16 Meals) for \$167. The Spring Break Meal Plan will be active Saturday, March 13, 2021 at brunch through Saturday, March 20, 2021 at dinner. There is no Flex associated with this meal plan. Students can use one meal per meal period. Unused meals from this plan will expire at 11:59 p.m. March 20, 2021. As an alternative to purchasing a meal plan, meals can also be purchased on a per-meal basis with cash or credit card.

In order to request a meal plan please follow the following instructions:

- All students must submit an RT request through Campus Card and Mail Service (CCMS) at <https://campuscard.umbc.edu/general-inquiries/>
- Complete the form fields as follows:
  - **Subject:** Select “SB 2021 Meal Plan Purchase”
  - **Request Type:** Enter “Spring Break 2021 – 16 Block Meal Plan”
  - **Message:** Enter, “Please add the SB2021 -16 Block Meal Plan to my student account.”
- Once the RT is submitted, CCMS will add the plan to your student account within 1-3 business days.

Additionally, information on the Retriever Essentials food pantry ([retrieveressentials@umbc.edu](mailto:retrieveressentials@umbc.edu)) is available [here](#).

### **University Health Services & Counseling Center**

University offices, including [University Health Services \(UHS\)](#) and the [Counseling Center](#), will be closed during spring break starting Monday, March 15 through Friday, March 19. The UHS team will continue to respond to COVID-19 symptom tracking and testing. If you or someone's safety is at immediate risk or if emergency medical or mental health care is needed and you are on campus, please call UMBC Police at 410-455-5555. If you are off campus please call 911, or go to the nearest hospital emergency room. For non-emergency concerns during the break, please call our After-Hours Support Line at 410-455-3230.

### **Residential Life Staff Coverage & Contact Information**

Resident assistants will provide 24-hour coverage during these days and can be contacted through your community desk or, for Walker Avenue, by phone. In the event of an emergency please contact Campus Police at 410-455-5555.

Community Desks will remain also open during spring break. Please see below for modified desk hours:

- **Apartment Community Center** - Will remain open 24/7.
- **Erickson Hall Desk** - Will close March 12, 2021 at 9 p.m. and reopen on March 13, 2021 from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. daily. Package pick-up will be available during those hours. The desk will resume normal hours at 9 a.m. on March 21, 2021. Students should go to the Harbor Desk after hours for support.
- **Harbor Hall Community Desk** - Will remain open 24/7.
- **Patapsco East Desk** - Will remain open 24/7.
- **Patapsco West Desk** - Will close March 12, 2021 at 9 p.m. and will resume normal hours at 9 a.m. on March 21, 2021. Students should go to the Patapsco East support.
- **Walker Avenue Apartments Management Office** - Will close March 15 – 16, 2021 with RA coverage for emergencies only, and will open for regular hours (9 a.m. – 7 p.m.) March 17-19, 2021.

### **Campus Engagement Opportunities**

Residential Life staff are working with campus partners to provide recreation opportunities, tips for exploring the outdoors, wellness resources, and more during the week of spring break. We will share additional information with you when confirmed and it will be posted on myUMBC and the Residential Life website.

We hope you are looking forward to spring break and we appreciate your attention to this information. Please watch for an additional communication in the next week addressing testing requirements, compliance, and other resources.