



## RESIDENTIAL LIFE

January 15, 2021

[i\_person |fname], we are very excited that you will be joining us this spring! This email includes important information related to move-in. We encourage you to read it fully and to contact us with any questions.

### **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.

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

- Your move-in and testing time is {FIELD}
- **Check your COVID Card in your [myUMBC profile](#) to make sure you are in compliance. Students who are not in compliance at the time of move-in will not be permitted to check in.** Required actions include:
  - Residents will be required to complete UMBC's [online symptom tracker](#) **every day, seven days a week**, prior to move-in and for the duration of the semester. Daily symptom-tracking is required and will be monitored and enforced. 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.
  - Residents who have not already done so, will be required to complete UMBC's Return to Campus COVID-19 Awareness Training for Students and Retriever Community Agreement on [Blackboard](#) **by January 21, 2021**. If you have questions about the Return to Campus COVID-19 Awareness Training for Students or the Retriever Community Agreement, please email [studentcovidcompliance@umbc.edu](mailto:studentcovidcompliance@umbc.edu).
  - If you've tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days, please upload results using [this link](#) before you arrive.
- Review and pay your [E-bill statement](#) online; room and board charges were posted on the January e-bill.
- New students, please make sure you submit your medical documentation, immunization and meningitis documents by **today, January 15, 2021**. If you have not submitted these documents

please do so immediately. **Students will not be able to move into their room without meningitis information on file at [University Health Services](#).**

- Explore the Residential Life [Move-In FAQs](#) for more information.

### **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 protection equipment (PPE) including gloves and hand sanitizer.
- We strongly recommend that you bring no more than two (2) additional people to support you with your move-in. Only one 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 any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, headaches.

### **Check-In Directions For Students Arriving Between Jan. 22 and Jan. 25**

If you are a student coming from an international location please email [qihousing@umbc.edu](mailto:qihousing@umbc.edu) for specific move-in instructions prior to January 21, 2021.

If you are coming from a domestic (U.S.) location, please follow these step-by-step instructions to ensure a smooth and safe check-in.

1. Students should go directly to their community to start the check-in process, which includes required COVID-19 testing.
2. When you arrive, you will see a COVID-19 Testing Tent outside.
3. You should exit your vehicle, pick-up a test kit from the bin, and return to your vehicle to complete the test. Please make sure you install the **MarylandGenomics SampleScanner** (available in [Apple](#) and [Google Play](#) stores) on your device prior to arrival in order to complete the test. Before you arrive you should receive an email from MarylandGenomics with a QR Code unique to you. **DO NOT share this code with others, they will receive their own unique code as well.** If you do not have a device that will allow you to install the app, please pick up your test kit from the tent and then enter your building for further instruction.
4. After you complete the test and secure the vial, please continue to your community desk with the vial and your UMBC ID.
5. You will drop off your test at the desk and have your campus card programmed, while a passenger stays with the vehicle in the unloading zone. Students must complete a COVID-19 test onsite before they can receive their keys/card access.
6. You will have 15 minutes to unload your vehicle.
7. 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).
8. 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.

### Upon Arrival

All residents are expected to quarantine in their assigned rooms (quarantine in place) upon arrival on campus until a negative test result is received. We encourage students to check myUMBC for virtual events and activities that they can participate in while they await their results.

Students may leave their rooms for essential items and tasks such as getting food or medical supplies, solo, outdoor exercise, or for employment if their work can not be performed remotely or is considered essential employment.

After receiving a negative test result, students will no longer need to quarantine in place, but they should stay within their residential pod for at least the first 10 days of the semester.

### ***What is a "residential family pod"?***

This is the group of apartment mates, suitemates, or floormates who make up your community. Even when with your pod, residents should remain physically distant from one another and wear masks at all times except when alone in your bedrooms when the door is closed.

### 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 contact our office at 410-455-2591 if you have any questions. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our residential community and campus healthy.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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