



RESIDENTIAL LIFE

March 29, 2021

Good morning [NAME],

The UMBC Community is optimistic about a return to a vibrant campus life in the fall. You can find additional details about our fall plan here. Updates from federal and state officials about vaccine access and emerging scientific and public health guidance about physical distancing has allowed us to plan to safely increase face-to-face courses, services, and activities this fall.

Based on this approach, as well as the great care and responsibility our students have shown, efficient testing processes, and the downward trend in COVID positivity rates, Residential Life plans to re-open our residential communities at increased occupancy for the 2021-22 academic year.

As a result, most Residential Life bedrooms will return to standard capacity for the 2021-2022 academic year:

- Standard single bedrooms will house 1 student.
• Standard double (2-person) bedrooms will house 2 students.
• Standard Triple and Quad bedrooms will be converted to double occupancy bedrooms, and billed at the double room rate.
• Students may share a bathroom with up to 3 other students.

Residential Life plans to convert a limited number of double occupancy bedrooms (Potomac Hall's South Wing) to single occupancy bedrooms, at an increased room rate. This will allow students to have their own room and share a bathroom with no more than 1 other person. For a list of proposed room rates please visit reslife.umbc.edu/apply/housing-rates/.

Because COVID-19 will still affect our community, we will continue to provide on-campus quarantine and isolation spaces. Students will not be able to select Chesapeake and select apartment buildings during Housing Selection as they will be reserved for this purpose.

In light of this updated policy, students participating in Residential Life Housing Selection will have the ability to live in groups of 1, 2, and 4. To better understand what room capacity looks like in each community, please review the table below.

Table with 3 columns: Community, Number of Residents Per Bedroom, and Number of Students Per Unit/Suite/Apartment (i.e. Number of students sharing a bathroom). Rows include Erickson Hall, Harbor Hall, Patapsco Hall, Potomac Hall (West), and Potomac Hall (South).

<i>Converted Singles</i>		
Susquehanna Hall	2*	4
Apartments	1	4

<b>Community</b>	<b>Number of Residents Per Bedroom</b>	<b>Number of Students Per Unit/Suite/Apartment</b> (i.e. Number of students sharing a bathroom)
Erickson Hall	2	4
Harbor Hall	2*	4
Patapsco Hall	2*	4
Potomac Hall (West)	2	4
Potomac Hall (South) <i>Converted Singles</i>	1	2
Susquehanna Hall	2*	4
Apartments	1	4

\*Limited number of standard singles available

We appreciate your patience as we evaluated fall housing capacity and safety. Serving our residents and their on-campus housing needs is our pleasure and we recognize that the details above are important to your decision-making. If you have any questions please contact us by submitting an [RT Ticket](#) or by calling 410-455-2591.

Sincerely,

John Fox  
Director of Residential Life