

**Residential Life**

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**Subject: COVID-19 Housing Information**

Dear Nine-Month & Annual Residents:

Yesterday communication was sent by Dr. Hrabowski regarding the guidance around spring break closing and COVID-19.

Out of an abundance of caution for our community, the University is requiring **all residents to depart by noon on Saturday, March 14, 2020.**

Students should not plan to return to campus before April 5, 2020, at 9 a.m. Students should continue to monitor communication from UMBC and Residential Life regarding instructions for return, in the event that the return date is extended.

For additional information on COVID-19, prevention tips, and what UMBC is doing to prepare is available [here](#).

**Check-Out Instructions**

As you make arrangements to travel home or off campus, we encourage you to take the items you would need for an extended stay. You do not need to move out of your residence. However, access to the Residential Communities will be very limited.

We recognize that this decision may have significant impacts for students. For students with extenuating circumstances who believe they cannot reasonably move out by the deadline, please complete the [Application for Late Stay- COVID-19 Spring 2020 on the housing portal](#). The deadline to submit this form is **Friday, March 13, 2020 at 8:00 AM**. Please keep in mind that this is a request, and you must receive formal written approval from Residential Life to remain on campus beyond the Spring Break (COVID-19) closing. Priority consideration will be given to students with permanent and/or relocation addresses outside of MD, VA, DC, DE, NY, NJ, PA, and WV.

Before leaving, students are expected to:

- Take valuables home including medicine, passports, electronics, and any other items you will need over break and for online classes. (You will not have access to your living space until Sunday, April 5).
- Clean your bathroom and personal spaces well. To avoid a stuffy bathroom, leave the bathroom door open.
- Remove and dispose of all trash in a trash room or a dumpster.
- Set the heat between 72-74 degrees.
- Unplug all personal appliances and extension cords from the wall.
- Remove fish and/or plants.
- Turn off water. Make sure faucets are not dripping.
- Turn off lights and bathroom exhaust fans.



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- Close and lock all windows and doors.
- Close blinds on ground floor rooms; leave blinds up on all other floors.
- Clean your refrigerator and dispose of perishable items.
- Harbor & Potomac Residents should defrost and prop microfridge doors open.
- Report facilities concerns to [fxit.umbc.edu](https://fxit.umbc.edu) or the online portal for Walker Avenue Apartments.

### Dining Information

We encourage you to review [view updated Dining Hours](#) and Service Information and consider alternative food arrangements (ex. [Retriever Essentials](#)).

### Mail Services

All community desk mail service will end on **March 13, 2020**, and will not resume until the halls reopen. Please contact companies directly to update your mailing information before departing and avoid sending packages and mail to UMBC during this period.

Should you have any questions please submit a ticket [via a help ticket](#). We appreciate your understanding and wish you safe and healthy travels over the next few weeks!