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**Subject: Important Residential Life Update \*\*Action Required with Active Link**

**Date: March 20, 2020**

Dear Residential Student,

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to unfold, the University System of Maryland and UMBC have had difficult decisions to make with the understanding that the health and safety of our community must be our top priority. We understand that our residential students in particular feel a loss of community, and we are proud of all that you are doing to support one another, your families, and fellow citizens during these challenging times.

Based on a strong recommendation from the Governor, USM Chancellor Jay Perman announced yesterday that distance learning for all University System campuses will continue for the rest of the spring semester, with students living and working off campus. Campuses have also been directed to organize processes for the safe retrieval of belongings from student housing. A phased move-out over a period of time is the best way to maintain social distance and rigorous standards for sanitizing spaces and equipment.

Resident students who left campus before spring break will soon receive more specific information about this process and their respective move-out dates. We anticipate it will take several weeks until all residents retrieve their belongings. Until we have finalized this process and assigned move-out times, you will be unable to access your residence hall or apartment unless a special exception is approved. While most of you packed belongings for the two-week period after break, we know some residents may have special circumstances. If you have an urgent need to retrieve items from your room prior to receiving additional instructions please contact Residential Life.

**\*\*Action Required\*\* To assist us in our planning process, we need to collect some information from you by this **Monday, March 23**.**

Please visit [\*\*this link\*\*](#) and provide the information requested.

We appreciate your patience and partnership as we move forward together in this new reality. Most important, we hope all of you and your families remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

John Fox  
Director of Residential Life