

Dear South Campus Commons and The Courtyards residents,

In light of recent guidance from Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and information from public health experts, University leadership, including Student Affairs, the University Health Center, the Department of Resident Life, and South Campus Commons / Courtyards management have consulted with the Dean of the School of Public Health and Prince George's County Health Department officials about Governor Hogan's statement released on Monday and reiterated in today's press conference that "unless you have an essential reason, then you should stay in your home."

In order to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our community, if you are away from campus and have not yet moved out, we encourage you to stay home. While it had been our hope to allow interested students who felt safe doing so to return to campus through April 5 to retrieve their remaining belongings and complete their check-out, it is clear that the public health imperative of maximizing social distancing compels us to postpone any returns to campus, therefore:

For residents who are currently off campus:

- **We are canceling move-out appointments scheduled between now and Sunday, April 5, 2020.** We are in the process of creating a new move-out appointment schedule.
- We will notify you of a new appointment schedule via email when conditions in Maryland and across the country allow.

For residents who are still on campus living at South Campus Commons and Courtyards:

- If it is safe for you to do so, please continue your move-out plans using the instructions you received and following [CDC prevention guidelines](#).
- If you are experiencing hardships that don't allow you to safely move out and get home, please submit a petition for emergency housing by using the link below:

South Campus Commons residents

<https://go.umd.edu/sccTemp>

The Courtyards residents

<https://go.umd.edu/ctyTemp>

Online classes will resume as scheduled on Monday, March 30. Students should visit keep Teaching.umd.edu for online education resources. While focusing on academics in the coming weeks, we encourage all students to follow the health and safety guidance and directives of public officials in your state, county, and city.

The sudden closing of on-campus housing over the past week has been an unexpected and difficult outcome for our community. We had hoped students would return from break to continue developing friendships and connections, making lifelong memories, and have the opportunity to properly say their goodbyes to roommates, floormates, and classmates. It is our hope that you will continue to stay connected with your friends and continue your Maryland journey together. Visit www.keepconnected.umd.edu for resources and ideas on how to stay connected.

If you have any questions, you can email us at southcampuscommons@cocm.com or thecourtyards@cocm.com. Please note, we are experiencing high call and email volume and our team is responding as quickly as possible.

Please know we care about you and are here to support you. We appreciate your attention to this notice and your patience and understanding during this ever-evolving situation. Please continue to take care of yourself and be well and safe.

The staff at South Campus Commons and The Courtyards at Maryland