

Dear South Campus Commons and Courtyards Terps,

We hope you are settling into the semester and creating meaningful connections in physically distant ways. Please know there are many staff and resources available to support you and help you succeed this semester. As mentioned in [President Pines's message](#), limited in-person undergraduate instruction begins today. At the same time, **we must remain vigilant**.

We are writing with important updates and reminders for you. Please review the details below carefully.

Guests and Visitors

As we informed you in July, consider avoiding hosting guests in your apartment in order to practice physical distancing and to help contain the spread of the virus -- better to visit with friends outdoors in open spaces where physical distancing and mask wearing can be in place. At any time, having guests visit your apartment should be discussed, in advance, with your apartment-mates, and guests must wear face coverings at all times.

Additionally, residents must comply with campus, local, and state guidelines regarding gatherings. Remember-- all gatherings are still restricted by Prince George's County Executive Order to one person per 200 square feet.

{For reference, a typical 4-person SCC or CTY apartment is approximately 1100 square feet, so no more than 5 people total, including residents, can be in an apartment at any one time. A typical 2-person SCC or CTY apartment is approximately 750 square feet, so no more than 3 people, including residents, can be in the apartment at any one time. If you have a question about your specific apartment size and total maximum allowed people, please email southcampuscommons@cocm.com or thecourtyards@cocm.com.}

Expectations and Consequences

We send our appreciation to the many residents who continue to diligently do their part by practicing the [4Maryland](#) guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We see you and thank you!

We are following up on reports of some students who are not abiding by the 4Maryland expectations. Please know there are significant consequences for students gathering together, violating 4Maryland expectations, and failing to comply with the County Executive Order. Students found in violation can be charged with violations under the UMD Code of Student Conduct. As enforced by Prince George's County, individuals hosting or attending large parties or gatherings in violation of the Executive Order may face a \$5,000 fine and may also be sentenced to up to a year in jail in addition to or instead of the fine. This is enforceable by the County, and will be in addition to University disciplinary action.

If you observe significant violations or have issues/concerns to report regarding 4Maryland guidelines, please contact Resident Life staff or University of Maryland Police at 301-405-3555 when the problem is occurring. We may be able to reinforce messages and hold students accountable for incidents if notified of the issue immediately.

Testing Requirements for September

All students are required to be tested again during the September testing events. Testing will be held on September 15-18, September 22-24, and September 29 and October 1 from 8:30

a.m.-3 p.m. each day. Advance registration will be required. More information is available at return.umd.edu.

Practice our 4Maryland Healthy Behaviors

When you are on or off-campus:

- Wear a mask or face covering over your nose and mouth at all times when indoors outside your apartment and outdoors when others are nearby
- Wash your hands frequently
- Practice physical distancing, by maintaining 6 feet distance between you and others
- Monitor your symptoms on a daily basis and complete your daily symptom checker at return.umd.edu

Classes and Virtual Events

As we begin in-person classes, there are also many campus and student organization events available to you. Check them out at the [TerpLink website](#). Get involved, meet new people, and learn about the many resources available at your fingertips.

Let's all continue to do our part [4Maryland!](#)