

Dear South Campus Commons Terps,

We hope you are well as we get closer and closer to Thanksgiving break! We are writing to share additional information as our goal is to keep you informed through regular communication regarding updates to SCC and CTY operations, UMD updates, and latest public health advisories given that we continue to live together amidst an on-going pandemic. **Please review this entire notice in detail.**

As a reminder, South Campus Commons and The Courtyards remain open -- during the Thanksgiving break and throughout your lease term -- and our team is here and ready to support you while living in our community. It is also important that everyone remains vigilant as our city, county, and nation continue to fight this global health pandemic. We all need to do our part to keep ourselves, our neighbors, and our community safe and healthy.

Recently, the University [announced](#) that courses will transition to online instruction following the Thanksgiving break through the end of the fall semester. Eppley Recreation Center, The Stamp, and other student service locations will scale back in-person operations beginning Wednesday, November 25 and will maintain only limited services for the remainder of the semester. Additionally, we have been informed that the On-Campus Quarantine and Isolation housing program will stop admitting students for the remainder of the semester on Tuesday, December 8. Students who test positive for COVID-19 on or after December 8 would not have access to this option and may need to isolate elsewhere off campus. Please take this information into account and plan accordingly.

Given the current rise in COVID-19 positivity rates and to mitigate the potential spread of the coronavirus, public health officials recommend avoiding travel at Thanksgiving. If you need to travel away from the College Park area, it is advised that you:

- Get tested for COVID-19 before you depart to protect yourself, your family, and our community, and then limit your activities once you have been tested and until you depart. Sign up for an on-campus testing appointment at return.umd.edu.
- Get your annual flu vaccine, if you haven't done so already. Flu vaccine appointments are available daily at the University Health Center. Visit www.myuhc.umd.edu or call 301-314-8184 to schedule.
- Follow all State of Maryland travel advisory guidelines at [https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/2020.11.10.03 MDH Advisory Large Gatherings Travel Long Term Care Visitation.pdf](https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Documents/2020.11.10.03_MDH_Advisory_Large_Gatherings_Travel_Long_Term_Care_Visitation.pdf)
- Limit activities while away by staying at your permanent residence or in one location and limiting interaction with visitors.
- Continue to practice your Maryland guidelines such as wearing a face covering, frequent hand washing / use of hand sanitizer, and practicing physical distancing (stay at least 6 feet away from others) when around extended family members, friends, or visitors.
- Continue to monitor your symptoms daily while away and upon your return to College Park. Contact the University Health Center's HEAL line (301-405-HEAL) if you experience any symptoms associated with COVID-19.

- As noted in recent University communications, the [University strongly recommends](#) that students who travel do not return to College Park. While South Campus Commons and Courtyards remain open, you may want to discuss with your family/close advisors whether you might travel to your permanent residence and remain there as a way to reduce the risk of contracting or spreading the virus.
- If you return to College Park after the break, get tested for COVID-19 again the week of November 30 and limit your activities upon your return until you receive your test results. Sign up for an on-campus testing appointment at return.umd.edu.

We wish you a safe, happy, healthy, and restful Thanksgiving break. We appreciate everyone doing their part to remain vigilant to protect the safety of the South Campus Commons, Courtyards, and University of Maryland communities!

Sincerely,

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