

Dear Residents,

As we all continue to navigate these uncertain times, please know that the Residence Life Office is working around the clock to take steps to keep our residents safe and reduce the risk of potential spread of COVID-19 on campus. We also hope that both you and your families are staying healthy and connected during this difficult moment in our state's and nation's history. Please make sure you are communicating with your families and loved ones regularly. They will appreciate it.

To continue preparations for the possible impact of COVID-19 on our community, we are writing today to share important changes to our housing policies, based on new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health officials, for the remainder of the spring semester.

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**To resident students who left campus for spring break and intended to return:**

**DO NOT RETURN TO CAMPUS**

Based on updated guidance from the CDC regarding the rapid spread of COVID-19 in downstate New York, students who left for spring break are no longer permitted to return to the Buffalo State campus or your residence hall. If you are in this situation, we ask that you update your plans by e-mailing us at [reslife@buffalostate.edu](mailto:reslife@buffalostate.edu) no later than Friday, March 26, at 9:00 a.m. We will need to make note so that you are not counted in our move processes and that we are able to use this date to apply any refunds or credits you may be due. We will communicate in the coming weeks when it is safe to return to get your remaining items.

If you left campus over break and believe that you have extenuating circumstances that warrant your return, please contact us at [reslife@buffalostate.edu](mailto:reslife@buffalostate.edu).

Please understand that if you are permitted to return, you will immediately be placed in a precautionary quarantine building for 14 days. You will not be permitted to access your current residence hall space. Should you exit the quarantine space and/or violate any policies, you would be issued an interim suspension and be immediately removed from campus.

**What if I am not coming back but my belongings are in my room?**

Your items will remain secure during this time. Please contact the Residence Life Office at [reslife@buffalostate.edu](mailto:reslife@buffalostate.edu) to inform us of your situation and to let us know that you left belongings in your room. Residence Life staff will share information with you about a coordinated item pick up at a later date. Additionally, we will be in contact regarding any refunds or credits that are due.

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**To students who remain on campus:**

Based on new guidance from the CDC and local health officials, the Residence Life Office has initiated plans to begin moving students out of corridor style housing and into suite style housing. Any resident still living in Porter, Bishop, Neumann, or Cassety Halls will be moved to empty bedrooms in the Student Apartment Complex (STAC). The moves will happen in an organized manner between Friday, March 27,

and Monday, March 30. Please note there is no additional charge for moving from your current hall to STAC.

**What if I don't want to be consolidated out of my corridor style building?**

If you currently reside in Porter, Bishop, Neumann, or Cassety Halls, but do not wish to move to STAC, you must check out of your room no later than Sunday, March 30, at 12:00 p.m. There is no option to stay in your current residence hall at this time. Once you have completely emptied your room, please turn in your keys via express check out at your building's front desk.

Please understand that, based on new CDC guidance, any students currently on campus **will not be allowed to have any off-campus individuals (friends, family, etc.) come to campus to assist them with moving out.** If you need to leave your belongings behind, please inform the Residence Life Office at [reslife@buffalostate.edu](mailto:reslife@buffalostate.edu) of your situation. Residence Life staff will share information with you about a coordinated item pick up at a later date.

**I plan to stay on campus and consolidate. What now?**

If you are intending to stay on campus through the end of the semester, details regarding your mandatory move time will be provided in the coming days. Please begin to gather and pack your belongings so that you are ready to move.

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While we recognize that these changes to our housing policies are drastic, but please know we are making these difficult decisions to ensure the safety of all of our students, faculty, and staff—both on and off campus. If you have questions, you may call Residence Life at 716-878-3000 or email at [reslife@buffalostate.edu](mailto:reslife@buffalostate.edu).