

Dear Residence Hall Community Members,

Earlier today, President Assanis announced a change to our academic calendar in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the suspension of classes for the remainder of the week and spring break being moved to next week, you have several options as it relates to your living situation. Ultimately, (in consultation with your parents and families) we want you to make a decision that is in the best interest of your health and safety. UD Custodial Services remain dedicated to maintaining a clean environment through frequent facilities upkeep and the halls will continue to be staffed by our Residence Life & Housing team members.

If you plan to return home, and feel it is a safe environment, please do so. However, for some students, due to your travel/home situation or the evolution of COVID-19 in your home area, it may make the most sense for you to remain on campus.

There will be limited dining options during the break. All students staying in their residence hall for any portion of time between March 14th and March 23rd must complete the Spring Break application found on the [My Housing Portal](#) in order to have access to the building. We must have an application for each resident in order to effectively provide basic security and safety functions. This form must be completed by Friday, March 13th at 5:00pm. Access cards will not work for students who have not completed the application. **There is no extra housing or dining cost for this period.**

Residents going home during this break should prepare to take all items they may need for an extended time frame (laptop, books, identification cards, passport, medications, etc.).

In addition please address the following:

- If applicable, close and lock windows and close the shades. Take garbage and recycling to appropriate dumpsters.
- Unplug all electronics except refrigerators and fish tanks; however, remove all perishable items from refrigerators.
- If applicable, turn the heat on to low.
- Close and lock doors.

To contribute to the safety and security of our residence halls, Resident Assistant staff will be entering rooms to conduct health and safety checks during break.

Students and families with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the COVID-19 Call Center, available at 302-831-1188, staffed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, questions may be emailed to coronavirus@udel.edu. Please visit the University's coronavirus website often and consult FAQs to stay informed.