

## **9/25/2018: Notice Regarding Academic Accommodations for Affected Students**

The following notice was sent to all university faculty:

There have been widespread occurrences of mold in Elkton Hall, a campus residence hall that primarily houses 500 first-year students, and isolated incidents in other residence halls. The departments of Resident Life and Residential Facilities are working diligently to clean and remediate the buildings in the interest of assuring students' health and well-being. Residents of Elkton are being temporarily relocated to various local hotels during the cleanup, which is proceeding as quickly as possible to eradicate the problem. The cleaning and relocation will continue at least through October 10.

If you have students in your classes who are affected by this disruption, I ask that you give them every consideration for academic accommodations during this period. Packing belongings, cleaning, and moving in the midst of the semester are unanticipated, time-consuming activities. In addition, some students may be experiencing adverse health effects, in which case they may be referred to the campus Health Center or other medical care facilities.

Please be understanding of the disruption to students' schedules and their ability to focus on their studies during this time. I would appreciate your helping these students navigate academic expectations in your class during these difficulties.