



Dear Elkton Hall Resident,

This is an important update. Please share this notification with your family members.

Due to the wide occurrences of reports of mold in Elkton Hall and out of an abundance of caution, we have concluded it is necessary to thoroughly clean and remediate every room in the building regardless of whether students have reported an issue in their room. The health and safety of our residents is of the utmost concern today and always.

We write to you with an action plan that will allow us to work systematically through the entire building. This plan will require us to relocate all students, floor by floor, to local hotels for a short period of time. We are working with the Department of Transportation Services to provide bus service to the assigned hotels.

We understand this is an inconvenience for students, however, given the scope of the problem, it is a necessary step for us to take in order to aggressively treat this issue.

Remediation Plan

The remediation of the vacated floors will include:

- Cleaning all room surfaces including walls, floors, doors, and closets, and HEPA vacuuming carpets
- Servicing and cleaning the fan coil unit (air conditioning unit) in the room, including removing the cover, cleaning coils, and changing filters
- Cleaning all furniture surfaces, including inside and underneath drawers
- Cleaning all surfaces in the hallways and bathrooms

Hotel Relocation Plan

Over the next weeks, we will systematically relocate floors to local hotels to enable thorough remediation of each room. Staff will provide a schedule for the remediation process which includes the dates for each floor relocation to a local hotel by tomorrow night, Saturday, September 22. **We will give a 24-hour confirmation notice to students for the relocation to a local hotel.** We have secured hotel rooms beginning on Sunday, September 23, 2018. We will alert students by floor as to the specific date, hotel, and steps to take to prepare for this move. Some of those steps will include:

Pack Your Personal Items and Necessities:

Students will need to pack a bag of personal items needed, including all medications and valuables, for up to one week's time. Students will not have access to any belongings left behind until notice has been given that the cleaning is completed and students may return to the room.

Personal Belongings Checklist:

A personal belongings checklist will be provided for each student to complete. The checklist will notify us of the items remaining in the room to be professionally packed and stored until the designated date of return. **Students will not have access to their room until notice has been given that the cleaning is completed.** We anticipate this cleaning process will take up to 4-5 days although this is subject to change.

Roommates:

We will relocate students by roommate pairs whenever possible, however, in some circumstances (for example singles and triples), students will be assigned in double occupancy rooms.

Plan on staying somewhere other than the hotel?

If you live locally or prefer to stay with a friend while your room is being cleaned, please let us know by sending an email to reslife@umd.edu. It is important for planning purposes for us to be notified if you intend on staying somewhere other than the hotel.

Laundry

Effective immediately, all Elkton Hall laundry machines are operating free of charge. We encourage you to launder any items you wish, however, the machines are not large enough to accommodate most comforters. If your comforter has not been laundered to date and needs to be cleaned, please bag it, **label it with your name and room number** and deliver it to the Elkton Lobby classroom. Students can pick up a bag at the service desk. We can only accept comforters. Additional linens will remain available at the Service Desk for your use.

Cleaning Other Personal Property

If other personal items are affected, we encourage you to wipe them down with warm water and a gentle soap. We are not permitted to reimburse students directly for damaged or lost property.

We appreciate your continued patience as we continue to work to address this issue in Elkton Hall. We will send an updated notification tomorrow evening, Saturday, September 22.

Sincerely,

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