

## Residence Life FAQ for Fall 2020

### ***What happens if I want to leave campus to return home and take classes online?***

Residential students **who are enrolled in all-online courses or who have arranged with their faculty to participate in their HyFlex classes remotely** and wish to return home may end their housing contract at any time during the fall semester without paying the \$500 contract cancellation fee. Students are responsible for paying a prorated daily amount, covering meals, FLEX Dollars and housing costs, for the time they have lived on campus. Students who live in a residence hall or university apartment may contact their residence director/residence hall director to schedule a checkout time.

### ***When do classes begin?***

The first day of classes is Monday, August 17.

### ***When will the residence halls close for the fall semester?***

The residence halls will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25 for winter break. Residence halls in the East Community (Celani, Emmons, Fabiano, Herrig, Saxe and Woldt Halls) will remain open during winter break, but there will be no food service during the break.

### ***When will Northwest Apartments, Graduate Housing and Kewadin Village close for the fall semester?***

Students who do not plan to return for the spring semester must move out by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 for winter break. The apartments remain open during winter break for those registered for the spring semester.

### ***How many students will be assigned to each room/apartment?***

- 2 students per bedroom in Carey, Cobb and Troutman Halls.
- 3 students per 4-person suite in Beddow, Calkins, Emmons, Herrig, Larzelere, Merrill, Saxe, Sweeney, Thorpe, Trout and Woldt Halls.
- 2 students per room in Robinson Hall.
- 1 student per bedroom, or 4 per suite, in the premium halls: Campbell, Celani, Fabiano, Kessler and Kulhavi.
- 1 student per bedroom in Northwest Apartments and Graduate Housing

Please note, Residence Life is unable to remove and store the unused furniture in each unit.

### ***When will I know the names of my roommates?***

Students will receive confirmation of their roommate(s) and housing assignment on Monday, July

20. This notification will be sent to their CMICH email account.

***Can I change my housing assignment prior to move-in?***

Unfortunately, due to the condensed timeline, it is not feasible to honor space change requests prior to the start of the semester. The Office of Residence Life will work to honor all roommate preferences submitted by June 22.

***How will students safely move onto campus?***

Move-in will take place by appointment daily between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13 through Sunday, Aug. 16.

- The centralized check-in process will take place in two large venues, Finch Field House and the Indoor Athletic Complex, to ensure social distancing.
- Only the student will be allowed inside the venue to check into their housing assignment.
- Face coverings will be required.
- Students may arrive at any time during their scheduled two-hour appointment.

***When will students sign up for their move-in appointment?***

Students received an email with instructions on how to sign up for their move-in appointment on Monday, July 27.

Students registered for IMPACT do NOT need to sign up for an appointment.

***What day can new students move into the residence halls, Northwest Apartments, Graduate Housing or Kewadin Village?***

New students may sign up for a move-in appointment on any day between Thursday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 16.

***When should IMPACT participants move into the residence halls?***

Registered IMPACT participants do NOT need to sign up for a move-in appointment. They will be assigned a move-in appointment on Thursday, Aug. 13 between 8 a.m. and noon.

***When should Safari participants move into the residence halls?***

Registered Safari participants should select a move-in appointment on Thursday, Aug. 13 or Friday, Aug. 14. They will be placed in a Safari group based on their move-in appointment.

***What day can returning students move into the residence halls, Northwest Apartments, Graduate Housing or Kewadin Village?***

Returning students may **only** sign up for a move-in appointment on Saturday, August 15 or Sunday, August 16, due to CDC guidelines for social distancing.

***May I move into the residence halls or Northwest apartments early, prior to Thursday, Aug. 13?***

Unfortunately, the answer is no. Due to the change in the fall schedule, our staff and facilities will not be ready to receive early arrivals. Unless you have received expressed instruction from the university to move in early, such as student-athletes and some student staff, you may only move in during your scheduled appointment time.

***What if I am a CMED student, graduate student or a family housing student who needs to move into my apartment prior to Thursday, Aug. 13 for academic reasons?***

Please send a detailed request to [reslife@cmich.edu](mailto:reslife@cmich.edu).

***Can I bring someone with me to help move me onto campus?***

To ensure social distancing, each student should bring only one family member or helper into the residence hall to assist with their move-in process. Additional friends and family members are welcome outdoors.

***What will building access and social distancing look like for fall 2020?***

Individuals will only be able to enter the residence halls through the main lobby doors.

Students must use their CentralCard to enter buildings and should not hold open or prop open exterior doors to admit others.

After entering a building, individuals should sanitize their hands at the nearest sanitizer station. Follow all signage and all social distancing guidelines outlined therein.

All entrances to buildings will have signs and markings as reminders of social distancing requirements.

When inside buildings, please keep right in stairwells and hallways and make every effort to maintain social distancing.

***Will students have access to kitchens?***

Each Residence Hall will have a designated kitchen for residents to access that has a stove, refrigerator, and microwave. Also, microwaves will be placed throughout each building for resident use. Students will be asked to wipe down appliances before and after use with provided products that meet the CDC's cleaning and disinfecting guidelines. University Apartment residents will have full use of the kitchen within their unit.

***Will students have access to laundry rooms and study rooms?***

We will limit the number of individuals using laundry rooms, study rooms, and lounges at the same time, and will post directional signage. Students will be encouraged to use the LaundryView app to know when laundry machines are available.

In addition, residents will be asked to wipe down commonly used surfaces before and after use with provided products that meet the CDC's cleaning and disinfecting guidelines.

### ***Will guests be allowed in the halls and apartments?***

For the safety of our CMU community, we strongly discourage visitors (any individual who does not reside on campus) in the residence halls or apartments. Visitors who must come to campus, should remain in residence hall lobbies where social distancing is possible.

No overnight guests will be allowed in university residence halls or apartments for the fall 2020 semester.

### ***What if I have been exposed to COVID-19?***

If you are identified through contact tracing as [having come into close contact with someone who has COVID-19](#) as having come into close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you will be contacted by the Central Michigan District Health Department and instructed to quarantine.

If you have been identified as having been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you have two options:

- You can *quarantine in a dedicated residence hall* on campus for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19. CMU Health will provide details.
- You may choose to *return home to quarantine* for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.

### ***What happens if I test positive for COVID-19?***

Students living in residence halls who test positive for COVID-19 have two options:

1. You can *self-isolate in a dedicated residence hall on campus*. CMU Health will provide details.
2. You may choose to *return home to self-isolate*.

### ***What will cleaning look like in the residence halls?***

Enhanced cleaning protocols are in place on campus for high-risk/high-touch areas (e.g., door handles, light switches, handrails, interior doors, door push plates, common spaces, flat surfaces such as tables, elevator buttons). Increased cleaning will be performed by custodial staff in restrooms in common areas. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed at entrance and exit points for buildings on campus, as well as near elevators in the residence halls.

Students are responsible for consistently cleaning and disinfecting their living unit and the exterior door handle.

***Will I have to wear a face covering?***

Face masks or coverings (e.g., disposable masks or cloth face coverings) must be worn by all individuals at all times in public areas within residential facilities (e.g., lobbies, lounges, hallways, stairwells, laundry rooms, elevators, meeting rooms, classrooms, public restrooms, etc.).

Students who refuse to comply with face mask/covering guidelines will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

***Can I send packages to my residence hall address ahead of my arrival?***

Please do not ship packages to your CMU address until Thursday, Aug. 13. Residence hall desks will not be open to receive packages until Aug. 13. Packages that arrive prior to Aug. 13 will be returned to sender.

***Can I send packages to my apartment ahead of my arrival?***

Please do not ship packages to your CMU address until you arrive on campus.

***Do I have to live on campus if I am a first- or second-year student or I have an Office of Residence Life Housing Contract?***

If you are registered for all online classes, instruction does not require you to attend in person, and you have no on-campus obligations, you may cancel your housing contract without penalty.

To cancel your housing contract and live at home (your permanent address) without penalty, send an email to [reslife@cmich.edu](mailto:reslife@cmich.edu) **by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020**. You do not need to fill out a residency exemption form, but you must reference that you are canceling your contract due to COVID-19. Students who cancel after Aug. 11 will be responsible for a \$500 contract cancellation fee.

***Will I retain my scholarship if I live at home?***

Most academic, need-based, merit and other scholarships will not be impacted by a decision to live at home. However, students who receive any form of housing grant will lose those awards if they are not living on campus.

If you have questions about your scholarships and eligibility, please contact the [Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid](#) at 989-774-3674.

***What if I need to or want to live on campus?***

We have been working hard to prepare for your arrival. We are ready. Living on campus is an integral part of the learning experience; however, we recognize that COVID-19 will impact the traditional housing experience. If you decide to live on campus, we will be here to support your transition and your learning journey.

***If the University has to move to all-remote learning at some point in the semester, will on-campus housing (residence halls and on campus apartments) remain open? Will room and board payments be refunded?***

Like all other institutions, CMU cannot make operational guarantees during this pandemic. Our full intent is to keep the university open with face-to-face classes and to keep our residence halls and apartments open.

In fact, we did not close any of our housing facilities last spring as we continued to house students who chose to remain on campus. President Bob Davies has been clear that the university will remain open throughout this school year as well. CMU is doing everything it can to continue to serve our students in the face of significant disruption brought on by this pandemic. However, we also realize that this is a very fluid situation, and things can change beyond our control.

In terms of refunds or credits for housing and meals: If CMU is ordered by the governor or the Health Department to have students leave the residence halls, CMU will make financial decisions at that time. In the event of such a closure, we intend to be fair and equitable.

As we have consistently demonstrated throughout this challenging time, the health and safety of our community remains our highest priority. Every decision we make is guided by this principle.

***Will I need to quarantine when I come to campus if I am flying or traveling from another state?***

At this time, CMU is not requiring students to quarantine upon arrival. However, we encourage students arriving from hot-spot locations to be vigilant about wearing a mask, social distancing, handwashing and avoiding crowds. We also recommend that students limit their contact with others in the days before arriving on campus, if possible.

***What if I am traveling to CMU from another country?***

Students who are returning from international travel or coming to CMU from another country are expected to self-quarantine for 14 days upon their arrival in the United States.

Students returning from international travel who plan to live on campus will be expected to reside in quarantine spaces provided by the Office of Residence Life until the 14-day period has expired. Please contact the Office of Residence Life at 989-774-3111 for information about on-campus quarantine housing prior to your arrival.

***Fire Up for Fall***



Together, the Central Michigan University community is facing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, advancing our educational mission while protecting health and safety. Now we aim to start strong for the fall 2020 semester. For vital information about health and safety protocols, please visit the [Fired Up for Fall website](#).