Residence Life FAQ for Fall 2020

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, Kesseler 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.

What if I am a returning student in a 2-bedroom/4-person suite and there are 4 people assigned to the suite?

All units in Beddow, Calkins, Emmons, Herrig, Larzelere, Merrill, Saxe, Sweeney, Thorpe, Trout and Woldt Halls will have no more than 3 students assigned. If there are currently 4 students assigned to the unit, the Office of Residence Life will reach out to the assigned students by June 22, 2020 to discuss options.
What if I am an incoming student and I want 4 students assigned to the suite? What if I don’t want the Office of Residence Life to break up our roommate group?

Students must have the roommate group created by June 22, 2020 in the online housing application. The Office of Residence Life will attempt to honor all requests if it is safe to do so.

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 will receive an email with instructions on how to sign up for their move-in appointment on Monday, July 27. Move-in will be a first come, first serve process.

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

What day can first-year undergraduate students move into the residence halls?

First-year undergraduate 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 move-in appointment. They have been 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 transfer students move into the residence halls or Northwest Apartments?**

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

**What day can returning students (non-first year) move into the residence halls or Northwest Apartments?**

Returning students may only sign up for a move-in appointment on Saturday, August 15 or Sunday, August 16. We are sorry, due to numbers and social distancing, returning students may not move-in on Thursday or Friday.

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

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

**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.

**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.

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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.

Inside building, please keep right in stairwells and hallways and make every effort to maintain social distancing.

Will students have access to laundry rooms and study rooms?

We will limit the number of individuals using the laundry room, 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 happens if I develop symptoms for COVID-19?

A student who has any symptoms, including a fever of 100 degrees or greater, must call CMU Student Health Services (989-774-6599) for assessment and COVID-19 testing.

Anyone with symptoms must self-isolate until the testing results are back. If the results are negative, the person may return to campus without any formal clearance.
Students who test positive will be asked to return to their permanent place of residence.

**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.

**What if I do not want to live on campus due to COVID-19?**

CMU will continue to enforce the residency requirement for first and second-year students. However, students with high-risk conditions will be encouraged to live at home and engage in distance learning during the early phases of reopening.

For more information on the residency requirement or questions on the exemption request form, contact the Office of Residence Life at reslife@cmich.edu or 989-774-3111.