



Dear residence hall students,

The past week has been unlike anything we have ever experienced. I apologize for waiting to send this email, but with this being an ever-evolving situation it seemed prudent to wait to send you information. The university is working closely with local, state, and national public health agencies to make the best decisions for our campus community and it has taken us time as we navigate the situation.

First and foremost, Housing and Dining appreciates having you as a resident in our residence halls and apartments. You are the life of campus and bring so much energy and light to our community. Thank you for choosing to live with us. I do hope you are taking care of yourself and are focusing on balance and wellness during this time.

I have received many questions about remote learning for the first part of spring term and what that means if you live on campus. Below I have identified different options to manage academic work and how it relates to living on campus. I am providing guidance for different groups, but know that this could change if remote learning is extended further into spring term.

Option 1: Remote learning from your permanent home address

We have been encouraging students who are able and can safely return to their permanent home address to do so. With remote learning extended into the first part of spring term, I recommend for those who are already at home or are planning to be at home for spring break to remain there during this remote learning period. Once the remote learning period is over and classes resume on campus, you are welcome to return to your campus residence. If the remote learning is extended, we will notify you of our next steps in managing your campus housing situation.

Option 2: Remote learning from your residence hall room or apartment

Students who are unable to safely return home are welcome to stay on campus in your current room or apartment during the first part of spring term. The Housing and Dining team stand ready to serve you. If the remote learning is extended further into spring term, it is likely that we will move to consolidate you to a central location and into individual rooms for the remainder of the term. We will evaluate this as time goes on and communicate our plans to you as soon as we know.

Option 3: Moving out

All student accounts have already been billed for spring term housing. If you wish to move out between now and 5 p.m., March 27 to avoid spring term charges, you are welcome to do so by filling out a [Housing Contract petition](#) and then using our [Express Check Out](#) process to check out of your room. Cancellation fees may apply. Students receiving financial aid who are moving home but continuing as a student should consult the Financial Aid office to learn what adjustments may be made to financial aid awards for spring term.

For University Housing to best understand your plans so we can give you our best service, please fill out following form letting us know what your plans are moving forward no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 25:

[Spring Term Plans Form](#)

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. We are in the midst of an unprecedented situation, and I appreciate your efforts to work with your RAs and the University Housing and Campus Dining team to help us do our best in supporting you.

If you have questions, or would like clarification, please call University Housing or email us at housing@wou.edu.

Sincerely,

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