

Subject: Update: East Residential Hall Closure and Next Steps

Dear East Residential Hall Residents,

We are writing to share an important update regarding the status of the East Residential Hall and what to expect in the coming days.

Based on an initial evaluation conducted by COCM, the Boston Fire Department, and the State Building Inspector, the **East Residential Hall will remain closed for the next several days**. The building will remain closed to allow facilities and remediation teams to repair damage, restore fire suppression systems, remove excess water, and fully assess the extent of the impact within the hall.

We know that our residential students, their families, and the broader community have many questions. Our focus right now is twofold:

1. Supporting affected students with housing, meal planning, and access to essential items and accommodations to help them regain as much normalcy as possible.
2. Evaluating the condition of the building and determining when it will be safe for some or all residents to return.

Next steps for East Residential Hall students

Temporary housing:

- If you were housed last evening at the Charles River Campus / Mount Ida Campus, you have the option to remain at that location again tonight.
- **If you need university-provided housing, please contact us at housing@umb.edu**

Additional housing options:

- We are actively investigating whether accommodations may be available in locations closer to campus that may be more convenient for impacted students. We will share updates as soon as more information is confirmed.

Access to personal belongings:

- We are working closely with the inspection teams to gain approval to allow students to return briefly to their residence hall rooms to gather essential items. We expect to have more information today, and we will communicate promptly once a decision is made.

Immediate needs:

- If you were unable to return to your room yesterday and need clothing or other essential items today, please contact the Dean of Students Office at dean.students@umb.edu with your name and room number so we can assist you.
- If you have immediate questions related to medical or prescription needs, please call UHS at 617- 287-5660 for assistance

- We recognize how disruptive and stressful this situation is, and we appreciate your patience and flexibility. Please continue to monitor your UMass Boston email closely for additional updates and instructions as they become available.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to support you and ensure a safe return to the East Residential Hall.

Additional support can be found at umb.edu/support.