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**UMass Boston Alert:**

The East Residence Hall has been temporarily closed because of an issue with the fire suppression system. This is a facilities-related matter as a sprinkler pipe on the 10th floor burst. Because a functioning fire suppression system is required for occupancy, the building cannot remain open at this time. There was no fire in the building, and there is no threat to the UMass Boston community.

The UMass Boston Police, COCM, Facilities, and Student Affairs Departments are working closely with the Boston Fire Department and Boston Inspectional Services Department to assess the extent of the impact and steps needed to restore fire suppression services in the residence hall.

While the East Residential Hall is closed, students have been encouraged to visit the Clark building where staff will be available to provide support.

We recognize that this disruption may be stressful, and we appreciate students' patience and flexibility as we work through the situation. Our priority remains the safety, well-being, and support of our students, and we will continue to keep the campus community updated as this situation develops.