

To: NON-DAMAGE Room residents & their parents/families

Subject: East Residence Hall – Update on Building Testing & Re-Occupancy Timeline

Dear East Residence Hall Residents and Families,

We are writing with an update for students whose rooms were not directly impacted by flooding.

Remediation of the damage in the East Residence Hall from Monday's pipe burst is progressing. Yesterday, additional rounds of building systems testing were conducted in coordination with the property operator, Capstone On-Campus Management (COCM), and city and state inspectors. Fire suppression has been restored throughout the building, the emergency generators were successfully tested, and electrical systems performed well in testing, meeting the next layer of milestones. While progress has continued, there still is additional work to be completed before students can return to the residence halls.

This work includes:

- Completion of an emergency egress plan during construction
- An electrical engineer affidavit on the repair work that has been completed on the electrical system
- Remediation and restoration of the central stairwell and many water-damaged corridor areas, which are necessary for building egress and compliance with fire safety code standards,

Once this work is finished, final inspections will be completed to approve a phased re-occupancy of the building. **As a result, there is not yet a defined timeline for phased re-occupancy for non-damaged rooms. As soon as a more definite time frame is known, it will be made available.**

We are committed to sharing developments as soon as they are confirmed. COCM and their remediation teams are currently developing a more detailed restoration timeline, and we expect to share this timeline soon.

We are proceeding with having residents in the most impacted rooms move out today and Saturday so that remediation progress can move forward into their rooms; those individuals received a separate communication last night.

Please know that safety and code compliance remain the required factors in every decision. Together with COCM, we will continue to coordinate housing, dining, transportation, and academic support during this extended period.

Thank you for your continued patience as these safety requirements and building repairs are completed to enable students to return to the residence halls.

If your housing needs have changed and you now need university-provided housing, please contact us at housing@umb.edu or [617-287-6011](tel:617-287-6011) so accommodations can be arranged.

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