

To UMass Amherst Residents,

I hope that you are off to a great start this fall semester and are looking forward to some exciting events in the coming weeks. As you may know, the UMass campus community is preparing for a busy and event-filled [Homecoming](#), September 29 – October 1. We look forward to welcoming family members, friends, and alumni to the UMass campus. Additionally, many events and activities are planned for Halloween weekend, October 28 – October 30.

In an effort to ensure the safety and security of all residents and guests, **the university will adjust the guest policy these two weekends:**

- **Beginning Friday, September 30 at 4 p.m.** and continuing through Sunday, October 2, at noon, each resident will still be allowed four (4) guests, but only two (2) of those guests may be non-UMass students.
- **Beginning Friday, October 28 at 4 p.m.** and continuing through Sunday, October 30, at noon, each resident will still be allowed four (4) guests, but only two (2) of those guests may be non-UMass students.

You are encouraged to sign out your guests when they leave your residence hall. Doing so will allow you to host another guest.

These temporary changes to the guest policy are in accordance with Residential Life (Housing) policy, as it relates to special circumstances involving concern for safety and security. In support of these temporary policy changes, residence hall security desk hours will be expanded in many residence halls over the course of these two weekends.

All other guest policy requirements will remain in effect.

Please note that “guests” are defined as any person who is not a resident of the hall. Guests must be accompanied by the host resident at all times. **Residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests and may be held accountable for their actions.** A link to community standards is found [here](#).

We will be monitoring guest numbers throughout the academic year. If circumstances impacting safety and security dictate, the guest policy may be further adjusted to ensure our campus remains a healthy, safe, and secure environment. These adjustments include reserving the right to curtail or end guest registration by building or residential area.

To expedite the process of guest registration, please advise your guests to have a photo ID with them. We want UMass Homecoming and Halloween to be festive, welcoming, and safe weekends for all students, alumni, family, and friends.

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in keeping our campus safe.

James Meade
Manager, Residence Hall Security