

Dear On Campus Student,

The personal health and safety of every member of our campus community is of primary importance to all of us. As we begin spring semester, we are writing to share some information related to residence hall security and guests. Guest limits are one of the many strategies the campus has put in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

No guests will be allowed in the residence halls until further notice. A guest is defined as someone who does not live in the residence hall. This restriction is in place to deter the spread of COVID-19 on campus.

After students have completed the [Back-to-Campus Quarantine](#), students may host other students from their same residence hall in their room. The maximum number of individuals allowed in any residence hall room at a time is the number of assigned individuals plus one; maximum number in a suite or apartment common area is the number assigned to the suite/apartment.

Residence Hall Security (RHS) is a collaborative effort between Residential Life and the UMass Police Department. The work performed by RHS student employees with the aid of security cameras, the electronic card access security system, and the access management system strengthens the security of the residential areas, providing a safer environment for the UMass student body. You will see RHS staff in your residence hall every evening beginning at 8 p.m.; security hours may be adjusted as needed during the semester. They are working to keep our community safe and need your cooperation to do their jobs well.

Electronic Access Management is used by Residence Hall Security staff to verify residency. Your UCard will be used to verify your residential status using the system. The exception to 24 hour secured doors that was lifted to facilitate a minimal contact Move-in concludes at 5 p.m. Sunday, January 31. **All residents should expect to see doors secured 24/7. Carry your UCard at all times to avoid lockouts.**

For more information about campus policies related to safety, review the [Code of Student Conduct](#), [Interim Pandemic Policy](#) and [Residence Hall Policies](#). Remember, everyone has a role in keeping the community safe. If you have questions about residence hall security or guests, please don't hesitate to contact your residence hall staff. We thank you in advance for your active participation and support as we all work to make the campus community a safe and caring environment.

Sincerely,

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