

SUBJECT: Important Updates to CMU Housing Move-Out Process

Dear Carnegie Mellon Residential Students and Families:

**Over the past two days, new expectations and guidance related to travel have been issued** by both the PA state health department (relating to [quarantine and testing for out-of-state visitors](#)) and the Allegheny county health department (which has issued [a county-wide “stay-at-home” advisory](#)) in response to recent significant increases in the number of COVID-19 cases. We have understandably received questions from residential students and their families regarding the impact of these changes on our residence hall move-out process which is commencing this weekend.

We encourage all students and families to carefully stay abreast of these advisories and consider them in their move-out plans. **We are maintaining our flexible posture regarding the timing of move-out (which can occur anytime now through December 22).** Any residential students who elect to change their plans in response to this new information may feel free to do so. Students who leave campus prior to Thanksgiving should [complete the self-check-out form](#) once they have moved out of their rooms. Students who were originally planning to depart at Thanksgiving but now wish to extend their stay into December should send an email to [rmassign@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:rmassign@andrew.cmu.edu).

In light of the state order and the county advisory, we do unfortunately need to make one immediate change to our move-out process. While we had initially announced that we would allow up to two family members into the residence hall to assist a student with their move-out process, we can no longer allow this. **Parents or family members should be present on campus ONLY for the purpose of “curbside loading” of belongings into a vehicle, and should not enter a residence hall or any other campus building.** As a reminder, everyone is expected to wear a facial covering during curbside loading as well. Thank you for abiding by these restrictions to protect the health and safety of our residential students and staff. We are committed to upholding the state’s recent order and do not want to put families in the awkward position of being redirected by staff to their vehicles during the move-out process. Residential students who need assistance to make alternative plans for their move-out given this emerging guidance should contact their [Housefellow](#) for assistance.

We will continue to evaluate the order and advisory and provide additional information to you as appropriate. **Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns on which we can provide assistance.**

Sending you and your families our best for a healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,  
The Housing Services and Residential Education Teams