

MARCH 11TH 2020

REFERENCE SHEET FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

NOTE: The University anticipates issuing additional guidance this week. Please visit this site frequently for updates. This sheet is not comprehensive – please reference content in University communications and on virginia.edu/coronavirus

Is the University moving to online classes?

Yes, we will be moving all classes online beginning Thursday, March 19. We will not be holding classes on Grounds for the foreseeable future, quite possibly through the end of the semester. We will reassess after April 5th at the earliest and periodically after that date.

Should I return to Grounds?

Students who are away on Spring Break are strongly encouraged to return home or to remain home if they are already there. Those who need to return briefly to collect crucial belongings, such as computers or books, will be permitted to do so, and details about how to do so will be forthcoming. Students who are on Grounds are strongly encouraged to return home by this weekend. Please monitor communications for further updates.

I have been away from Grounds for Spring Break but need to get back into my dorm room to get some of my things. Can I do that?

See above. Students who live on Grounds have until **noon on Wednesday, March 18**, to return to their dorm rooms to retrieve your belongings.

I am a student who lives in on-Grounds housing. Should I plan to remove all my belongings, or just essentials?

The University has moved to conducting classes online for the foreseeable future. If you live a great distance from Charlottesville and it would be an imposition for your parents to travel twice to this area in the foreseeable future, you should take all of your belongings home. You have until **noon on Wednesday, March 18**, to do this.

I have a special circumstance and cannot move out of my dorm. What do I do?

Housing & Residence Life recognizes that a small number of students may need to remain in University housing due to unavoidable circumstances. To receive permission to remain in your room, you must complete the form emailed to you on Wednesday March 11 by Housing and Residence Life no later than **Wednesday, March 18, at noon**. If you do not submit your request by then, HRL will assume you do not plan to remain, and you will not have access to your dorm. This requirement only applies to undergraduate students in dorms and students living on the Range.

What if I live off Grounds?

If you are currently living off-Grounds, including students living in Charlottesville, we **strongly encourage** you to return home. **This strong request applies to all students regardless of where you are living – whether on Grounds or off.**

What if it is difficult or impossible for me to return home at this time?

We recognize that some students cannot go home, for a variety of reasons, ranging from the fact that their hometowns or countries are not safe to the fact that their only homes are in Charlottesville. We will continue to provide housing for students living on Grounds who genuinely cannot return home, and will continue to provide dining services, though they will be modified. We will also offer assistance to students on financial aid who need help in returning to their homes.

Will this impact my ability to meet my academic requirements?

With the help and creativity of faculty and staff, we will make sure you are able to meet your academic requirements remotely, and we will pay special attention to graduating students. You will be hearing from deans and professors over the next week with details about your classes, including any clinical, experiential, performance-based, or studio learning that may require alternative arrangements.