

January 13, 2021

Dear Students:

We have great news! We have a date for the reopening of our residence halls! **Returning students** (students who resided on campus in the fall) will return to campus on **Sunday, January 31** beginning at 10 a.m. **First-time residents** (new students and current students who did not reside on campus in the fall) and **students who were approved for a room change** prior to winter recess will return to campus on **Saturday, January 30** between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Additional information on spring arrival, including FAQ's, is available at: <https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/housing-services/spring-move-information>.

Although meal service will begin officially with the evening meal on Sunday, January 31, dining options will be available to students arriving on January 30.

Pitt-Johnstown students are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to be tested for COVID-19** prior to returning to campus. Information on free and convenient testing, the shelter in place requirement, and travel guidance is available in the [email](#) you received from the COVID-19 Medical Response Office (CMRO) this afternoon.

Students should request their at-home Covid-19 test through Quest immediately and should test themselves on January 23-24 and return the test (as per the [Quest instructions](#)) for analysis.

Here is some additional information regarding arrival for the spring term:

- If you received approval in the fall for a **room change**, you will receive a separate email next week outlining the procedure for moving.
- If you plan to **cancel your housing**, you will need to submit an online cancellation form (available in the Johnstown Campus Housing and Dining Services task center at my.pitt.edu). Students who submit an online cancellation will receive an email with further instructions on the cancellation process. In order to receive a full refund, students will need to remove their belongings and return their key prior to January 23.
- You will receive a **prorated refund** for your housing charges and the meal portion of your meal plan (refunds will not include dining dollars) based on housing and meal plans going into effect on January 31 instead of January 18. We are still working out the details of this process and you will be updated in the coming weeks. Adjustments will be posted to PittPAY after February 5, 2021. The first due date for the spring semester is February 10. Adjustments will post to your PittPAY account prior to that due date.
- If you decide to leave campus housing at any time during the spring semester, you must officially cancel your housing and meal plan. Prorated refunds will be available to students who complete the cancellation process (submit the online cancellation, remove belongings, and return the room key) before we enter the last third of the semester (that date has not yet been determined). Students who leave campus and do not complete the cancellation process will not be eligible for a refund.
- Given the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to provide updates on our Housing web page: <https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/housing-services>. Please bookmark this page and check it

frequently. It is also important that you **check and read your emails on a regular basis**, especially those from the COVID-19 Medical Response Office.

- **Shelter in Place:** Pitt-Johnstown students should begin their at-home shelter in place on **January 23rd** and continue until they arrive at campus housing on January 30 or 31. They will continue to shelter in place until at least **February 10th** as per CMRO guidelines.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we have been preparing to open our residence halls for the spring semester. Please direct housing questions to upjhousing@pitt.edu and meal plan questions to upjmeals@pitt.edu. Best wishes for a successful and healthy semester!

Sincerely,

Bob Knipple
Executive Director, Housing & Dining Services