

To: The Surprise Campus Community
From: President Dennis Tyner
Re: URGENT: SCHOLAR'S RESIDENCE HALL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT
Date: 3/20/2020

We have been monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19 in the local area and have maintained regular communication with local government, our students, faculty, and staff. Upon a strong recommendation as of early this afternoon from the local Surprise, Arizona authority, Ottawa University will be closing all University-sponsored housing, effective Sunday, March 22, at 5 PM. This is in anticipation of further announcements from governmental organizations assumed later this weekend.

- 1) Students who are currently residing in University-sponsored housing for the spring break should immediately begin to make arrangements to depart campus for the remainder of the Spring semester.
- 2) Students who reside in University-sponsored housing and who are currently away from campus during the spring break may return to retrieve their property on the following schedule:
 - a. Access to housing for retrieval of personal property will be permitted during the following times:
 - i. Friday, March 20 – noon to 9 PM
 - ii. Saturday, March 21 – 9 AM to 9 PM
 - iii. Sunday, March 22 – 9 AM to 5 PM
 - b. People experiencing the following will not be permitted to enter housing:
 - i. A body temperature greater than 98.7 degrees
 - ii. A respiratory illness (including cough)
 - c. Those students who are unable to return to campus to retrieve their property by the stated deadline of Sunday, March 22, by 5:00 pm should communicate directly with the Office of Residence Life via email at ouazhousing@ottawa.edu. Members of the Residence Life team will take great care to pack your personal property and place it in storage until such time that you are able to make arrangements to retrieve it.
 - d.

In the unusual case in which any of our students is unable to find an alternative housing option, the student may appeal to the university at ouazhousing@ottawa.edu. As and if able, the University will make a temporary short-term accommodation.

As has been true of so many recent announcements we have been forced to make recently in response to the growing COVID-19 situation, I regret to inform you of these interim measures, but we continue to consider the health and well-being of all community members as our top priority. Be assured we are praying for each of you and looking forward to a time in the not-too-distant future in which we can again come together to pursue our work and dreams. God bless each of you and your families.

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