Notice emailed to students March 23, 2020

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has issued an executive order directing Michigan residents to shelter in place in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The order takes effect at midnight tonight and remains in place through Monday, April 13, at 11:59 p.m.

However, the governor’s stay-at-home announcement allows individuals to return to a home or place of residence in or out of state. We have been in touch with the governor’s office to confirm that we may complete our move out procedures.

We strongly encourage you to keep and perhaps even advance your plans and complete move out by 8 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24. But we will honor those arrangements made with students who required an alternative move-out time, given their special circumstances. Students who received approval to stay past Tuesday do not need to leave.

Due to the evolving nature of this global situation, we do not know when we will next be able to facilitate access to residents’ belongings. For those who decide to wait to check out, please notify your hall director so we can get important information from you.

Please note that limited dining services remain open for students who are unable to depart, and WMU Apartments and Spindler Hall remain open.

We will have more information and updates as the University responds to this morning’s announcement. The information will include:
- The hours and location for Dining Services
- What University services will still be available, including mail delivery
- How to contact hall staff
- Financial considerations in light of early departure from a residence hall

To support social distancing, overnight guests and visiting friends in other halls is prohibited. Continue to watch emails, signage in your building and wmic.edu/housing/spring-2020-move-out for the latest updates.

Please continue to take this public health threat seriously and exercise social distancing and other precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Monitor your health, and if you become ill or feel you have symptoms of COVID-19, contact Sindecuse Health Center at (269) 387-3287 before seeking its health services in person.

Governor’s order: https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-522626--.00.html