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Date: March 17, 2020

To: Alcorn State University Students

From: Department of Residence Life

RE: Information for Students Living in Campus Residence Halls

The Office of Residence Life appreciates your patience and understanding as the University works diligently and carefully to make decisions and arrangements addressing the impact of this changing public health crisis of COVID-19. As of today, we have no evidence that COVID-19 has infected any member of the Alcorn State University community. This global pandemic is changing by the day and hour in Mississippi, the nation, and the world. Alcorn remains fully committed to preserving the health, safety, and well-being of our faculty, staff, students, and community.

As you are aware, the University has extended Spring Break through March 22nd. During this time, the Office of Academic Affairs is working with faculty to transition courses to allow for remote/virtual delivery of instruction. Course instruction will resume on March 23rd in a virtual/alternative delivery format. As a strategy to combat/limit the spread of the virus, public health officials recommend reducing density (i.e. close proximity living) on campus. Based on this guidance, the University is continually encouraging students who desire to retrieve their personal belongings and return to their respective homes or permanent residence to do so.

Students should note residence life guidelines and the Student Handbook policies remain in effect. ***At this time and based on IHL guidance, the University does not intend to offer refunds for tuition or room and board. If this guidance changes, we will promptly notify the campus.***

Because we understand some students may elect not to retrieve items or may be unable to travel home during the Extended Spring Break or the foreseeable future, the university is requesting the submission of a [Housing Information Form](#). Students who choose to leave the campus during this period will need to turn in room keys for campus safety and security purposes.

The Housing Information Form will also help the university with ensuring necessary support and accommodations are available during this period. By Monday, March 23rd, building card access will be deactivated for students who do not submit a form. The University is taking these steps to ensure we can accurately account for the health and safety of the campus and local community.

To facilitate an organized process and manage traffic congestion for those returning to retrieve items, please see the proposed schedule beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2020, through 8 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 2020. If you are unable to retrieve your belongings at this time, please contact the office for assistance in scheduling another time.

| Date | Time | Residence Halls |
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| Wednesday, March 18, 2020 | 8:00A – 8:00P | Honors, Revels, Complex B and Nursing |
| Thursday, March 19, 2020 | 8:00A – 8:00P | Albert Lott, Beulah Robinson, Complex C |
| Friday, March 20, 2020 | 8:00A – 8:00P | Complex A, Burrus and Complex D |
| Saturday, March 21, 2020 | 8:00A – 8:00P | Optional Date for Residents Unable to Come at Above Dates and Times |
| Sunday, March 22, 2020 | 8:00A – 8:00P | Optional Date for Residents Unable to Come at Above Dates and Times |

Below is a list of resources/companies offering moving, travel, and other assistance to students during this difficult time. This list is not exhaustive and is not meant to be representative.

- <https://www.uhaul.com/CollegeMoving/>
- <https://www.flyfrontier.com/students-fly-free/?mobile=true>
- <https://www.enterprise.com/en/car-rental/deals/young-driver.html>

Please note the Clinton Bristow Dining Facility and Sodexo retail outlets (WOW!, SubConnection, etc.) will be operating under modified hour and menus with take-out options only. Students returning to campus are also encouraged to bring their own personal hygiene and cleaning supplies (hand sanitizer, wipes, etc.).

The Office of Residence Life is here to help make sure you have an exceptional housing experience, considering the circumstances. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at housing@alcorn.edu and during normal business hours (Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.). More information will be released as the process unfolds. We encourage you to continue to check your email, monitor the alcorn.edu/coronavirus webpage and official social media pages for updates.

Thank you for your understanding, adaptability, and resilience during this time.