Wednesday, July 29th
Fall Update to Landlords

Dear Property Managers,

I hope that all of you have continued to stay safe during these uncertain times.

Many VCU students and their parents have contacted the university seeking assistance because they are continuing to face financial insecurities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been able to meet with them to discuss their personal finances, provide guidance in creating a budget, and connect them to resources for food and other necessities. We have been suggesting that students and parents contact their manager/landlord to explain their particular circumstances and try to work out a payment plan that is acceptable to both parties. We appreciate those of you who have been able to grant flexibility with rent payments, security deposits and guarantees.

As students begin to return to your properties in preparation for Fall Semester 2020, we ask for your assistance with promoting physical distancing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other relevant health and safety guidelines. VCU is taking precautions to reduce the risk of illness to their community. Some campus buildings will have reduced capacities, restricted hours and policy changes. In particular, individuals will be required to wear a face covering or mask in common areas, complete daily health screenings and follow physical distancing guidelines.

If a student identifies symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19, or has come into contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, that student should contact University Student Health Services and follow the guidance provided to them by healthcare professionals. VCU will not be able to accommodate off-campus students in residence halls for quarantine purposes. Students may work with the Dean of Students Office, instructors and academic advisors to request other assistance.

For the latest news and updates please visit together.vcu.edu. If you should have any questions about what is happening on campus please feel free to contact us at offcampus@vcu.edu.

Best Regards,

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