



# Harvey Update

## September 1, 2017

As the University of Houston continues to prepare for a campus-wide reopening Tuesday, Sept. 5, some residential students will begin returning Saturday, Sept. 2, should they need to. Otherwise, only authorized personnel are allowed on campus and any exceptions can only be granted on a vice-presidential level. This policy is being strictly enforced. In addition, all ad hoc agreements, partnerships, collaborations and affiliations with external parties related to Hurricane Harvey must be reviewed and approved on the vice-presidential level. Below, find the latest information regarding University status.

### **Student Housing for the Academic Year**

Students who wish to live on campus for the remainder of the academic year should apply for Housing online via AccessUH and click on “myHousing.” The prepayment requirement will be waived and the \$50 application fee will be billed to the student fee bill. Room assignments will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Contact the main housing office at [housing@uh.edu](mailto:housing@uh.edu) or call the office starting Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 713-743-6000.

### **Limited Emergency Temporary Student Housing**

Student Housing & Residential Life has only a very limited amount of Emergency, Temporary student Housing. Starting on Tuesday, Sep. 5, UH students who have an emergency short term housing need can come to the Student Housing & Residential Life main office located in Cougar Village 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays to apply for and be placed into double occupancy space, as space is available in Bates Hall or Law Hall in the Quadrangle. These spaces are modestly furnished and do not contain personal items such as sheets, toiletries and towels.

There is no application fee to apply for emergency guest housing. The cost is \$23.79 per person per night and will be billed to the student account on the date of check out.

It is important to note that Bates Hall and Law Hall were originally scheduled to close permanently in May 2017 and the facility is quite aged. Temporary residents of Bates and Law Hall will have access to Cougar Village II 24-hour service desk to address any facilities issues and for general assistance. Students choosing to live in temporary student housing understand

that they must check out no later than Sept. 30. Because of the short-term nature of this temporary housing, students should arrange mail forwarding or rent a P.O. Box. Additionally rooms in this building do not have kitchens and students staying in these buildings should make arrangements to eat at campus dining locations or through other arrangements.

If students have specific questions regarding emergency guest housing they should contact the Student Housing & Residential Life office at 713-743-3243 or come in person to the main office located in Cougar Village 2, weekdays 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### **On-Campus Meal Status**

UH is now transitioning away from offering free meals at the Moody Towers and Cougar Woods dining commons. The last day complimentary meals will be provided is Friday, Sept. 1. This means that beginning Saturday, both residential dining commons will return to accepting meal plans, Cougar Cash, cash, and debit and credit cards. Bayou Oaks residents, as well as UH-Victoria students temporarily being housed in the Quadrangle, may continue to use their housing-issued guest cards to swipe in at the two dining commons.

### **UH Student Health Pharmacy**

Please contact the Student Health Pharmacy at 713-743-5125 and leave a voice mail with your prescriptions questions. The voice mail is being checked periodically by our pharmacy staff.

**For emergency prescription needs prior to Sept 5:** Emergency Dispensing of Prescription Medications: Patients may get their medication at another pharmacy without a transfer if they have proof of a prescription being filled. For more information, see:

<http://www.texaspharmacy.org/news/news.asp?id=360856> .

### **Students Unable to Return for Scheduled Reopening**

The University understands the considerable challenges some students may face in returning by Tuesday, Sept. 5, when classes resume. UH is committed to making every accommodation that is realistically possible to allow these students to return and continue their studies at a slightly later date. Please contact your professor or a program representative to discuss your circumstances. Students unable to do so can write [harvey2017@uh.edu](mailto:harvey2017@uh.edu).

### **Student Housing Unavailable for Faculty, Staff**

At this time, the University is unable to offer faculty and staff placement in any student housing. Should this situation change, we will provide an update.

### **Selected Buildings Reopening**

The following buildings will reopen for residential students only during the listed hours:

### **M.D. Anderson Library (first and second floors only)**

- Saturday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

### **Campus Wellness and Recreation Center**

- Saturday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 3, noon to 7 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### **Student Center South, including the Games Room**

- Saturday, Sept. 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 4, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **New Deadlines and Due Dates**

- Last Day to Add: Tuesday, Sept. 5
- University's Official Reporting Day (ORD): Friday, Sept. 8
- Last Day to Drop without a grade: Friday, Sept. 8
- Last Day to Drop with a W: Tuesday, Oct. 31 (no change)
- Last Day to Submit Residency Application and Documents: Friday, Sept. 8
- Last Day to Arrange a Payment Plan: Friday, Sept. 8
- Last Day to Enroll in an Emergency Payment Plan: Friday, Sept. 8
- Due Date for the second payment installment has been extended to Monday, Oct. 16.

### **FAQ and Resources Site**

The University has developed a FAQ addressing many of the campus community's most basic questions and concerns. In addition, a list of various resources has been compiled, providing useful options to faculty, staff and students. The new site, which will be updated regularly, is available here. (<http://uh.edu/2017-harvey/>)

### **Cougars Care Discussion Forums, Faculty Assistance Sites Available**

Discussion sites have been developed for UH staff and students to connect with their Cougar family to ask for assistance, offer assistance or simply check in on one another. These two sites – Staff Helping Staff and Students Helping Students – sites are available through AccessUH at: <https://accessuh.uh.edu/login.php>.

In addition, the Office of the Provost has created a portal (<http://www.uh.edu/provost/harvey/>) providing easy access to a range of resources and information faculty members may find useful in dealing with the aftermath of the storm. It includes a “Faculty Helping Faculty” Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1954848748091214/>.

## **On-Campus Donation Drives**

Donation drives will get underway when campus reopens Tuesday, Sept. 5. The Center for Student Involvement will be coordinating donation drives on-campus to support members of the UH community who were impacted by Harvey. For specific items that are being collected, visit [http://www.uh.edu/csi/civic\\_engagement/harvey](http://www.uh.edu/csi/civic_engagement/harvey).

If you are interested in volunteering to provide staffing support for these drives, please contact Katy Kaesebier in the Center for Student Involvement at [kkaesebi@central.uh.edu](mailto:kkaesebi@central.uh.edu).

Donations will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. [beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5](#) in Student Center North (first floor, Commons Desk). If you are a Cougar in need, you can come by the Student Center North (first floor, Impact Room) to collect any supplies you may need from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. [beginning Wednesday, Sept. 6](#).

## **UH Harvey Relief Carpooling & Volunteer Opportunities**

### *For Students:*

Students interested in volunteering in and around SE Texas, a Facebook page has been established that provides needed volunteer opportunities. The group is called “UH Harvey Relief Carpooling & Volunteer Opportunities for Students”. Please join this public group to see what needs are available - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/485703798462567/?fref=nf>.

### **For Alumni and Community:**

All inquiries should be directed to Susie Molina, director community relations ([srmmolina@central.uh.edu](mailto:srmmolina@central.uh.edu)).

## **Blood Drive at Student Center Tuesday, Wednesday**

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be at UH from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 5 and 6, to collect blood, which is at low levels in and around Southeast Texas. Their mobile unit will be in the Student Center Circle.

## **Helping Faculty, Staff and Students**

Those wishing to make a donation to help UH faculty and staff facing hardships from Hurricane Harvey can do so at this site: <https://giving.uh.edu/gift/?allocation=HC57692UA> .

Those wishing to make a donation to help all UH students, regardless of major or classification, facing hardships from Hurricane Harvey can do so at this site: <https://giving.uh.edu/gift/?allocation=HC55074HA45> .

The term “Harvey Relief” should go in the comments/notes box for either donation.

## **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Available 24/7**

For those requiring assistance, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAP) is available to 24/7 by calling the main number at 713.743.5454, then pressing 2 to be connected to an after-hours counselor. CAPS will resume full operations when UH reopens on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

## **UH Faculty and Staff Assistance Program**

Call the Employee Assistance Program at 713-500-3327 or 1-800-346-3549 for counseling support, if needed, during this time of crisis. On Call Crisis Counselors are available 24/7 & phones will be answered through an answering service outside regular business hours during this challenging time.

- Psychological First Aid <http://www.nctsn.org/content/psychological-first-aid>
- Mental health resources following a trauma: [www.samhsa.gov/trauma](http://www.samhsa.gov/trauma)
- The National Child Traumatic Stress Network: [www.nctsn.org](http://www.nctsn.org)

## **Postal Services Delayed City-wide, Affecting UH**

The mail embargo for the city of Houston has been extended through Monday, Sept. 11. This will affect mail service to the student resident population and many other UH venues. In addition, the UPS website has listed all zip codes in the Houston and surrounding areas to expect significant delays of all incoming packages.

## **METRO Status Restored, UH Lines Available**

Beginning Friday, half of METRO's local bus routes will be restored. This includes the #54 Scott and #60 Cambridge lines, which service the UH area.

All told, 18 additional routes will resume operations along with extension of METRORail Red Line service from Fannin South to Burnett Transit Center. Shuttle buses will complete the route for customers between Burnett and Northline Transit Center. Bus shuttles will also be used for the entire length of the Green and Purple Lines. METRO teams are working around the clock to evaluate and restore service to all of the Authority's routes.

## **General Questions**

**If you don't find the information you need in this update, you can send an inquiry to [harvey2017@uh.edu](mailto:harvey2017@uh.edu).**