

## Huntington University | Students in Huntington, Indiana

Huntington University will complete the 2020 spring semester, including any May term courses, in an online format. This decision was not made lightly. The timing of the decision allows the University to prepare for the remaining weeks of the semester.

The University is requesting students to provide a definitive need to remain on campus in campus housing beyond spring break. International students, students who cannot return home for other reasons and/or those who do not have adequate technology infrastructure to finish their coursework online will be approved to remain in residence halls. Dining services will be limited but adequate. Lobby spaces, as well as other gathering spaces, will be greatly limited. A computer lab in Dowden Science Hall will be open for limited student access. We will be setting up a staged opportunity for students to return to gather personal things from residence halls. We will need to set up essential social distancing scenarios to accomplish this with the least impact on all concerned. Look for information and scheduling opportunity information from Dr. Ron Coffey or Dr. Brian Jaworski.

Students who do not complete their semester in campus housing and who are eligible to receive a partial refund will earn a credit toward future housing or toward their current account. Some graduating seniors/graduate students residing in campus housing may receive a partial housing credit toward their current account or a partial refund if their account is clear. We are working on the details of how this occurs as students may have different circumstances.

University officials are also working with our food service provider to see what recourse we have in our contract to provide a reimbursement. Whatever funds we are able to recoup, we will appropriately distribute to students based on their level of meal plans through account credit or refunds.

Know that your faculty and staff are working hard to create the best online learning courses possible. Don't forget that although chapel credits are suspended for this semester, the Campus Ministries team will be bringing you programming to encourage your faith. The first one is scheduled for this next Thursday!

There is a new normal. The Forester experience will not be tainted by this time in our lives. We will have walked through this together!