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Dear Wabash Men,

As we wrap up the fall semester and plan for the start of the spring semester, we are sharing with you some important information about campus housing. Please read this carefully – Winter Break is longer than usual and our plans are very different from previous years.

Beginning at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 25, all campus housing – residence halls and fraternities – will officially close and remain so through the end of the year.

Campus Services will change outside locks on all living units on November 25. While buildings will be locked and secured, it is important to take home most (nearly all) personal belongings like electronics, gaming systems, books, medications, and clothes. Large furniture and refrigerators are fine to keep in your room. Items of significant monetary and/or sentimental value should go home with you. In particular, if you are taking comprehensive exams in January, you should take home any books, notes, and other materials you might need to access over break. The College is not responsible for the loss of personal items. More details specific to each building will be shared with RAs and Fraternity leaders.

Student Life staff and Amy Weir in the International Center have been working closely with International Students on their plans to be off campus during this time.

Returning in January: Returning to campus in January will be scheduled and staggered. Seniors returning for Written Comprehensive Exams will return beginning on Saturday, January 16 depending on the date and format of their written exams. Additional details on the return of seniors will be available prior to the end of the semester. All other students will return on Saturday, January 23 or Sunday, January 24 in preparation for classes beginning on Monday, January 25. Sign-up forms to select your arrival date and time will be available soon via email. Winter sports student-athletes will be notified about their return as plans are finalized.

Returning to campus in January will require another round of COVID-19 testing in the days prior to your return. Staff in the Student Life Office will communicate details about the pre-return testing, which is likely to be done through CVS Pharmacy as it was in August.

Again, all campus housing will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 25 and remain closed until at least Monday, January 4. Please develop your plans accordingly.

Gentlemen, we are aware that this semester has been a real grind and that all of us have had our patience and resilience tested. Keep up the good work and stay healthy in these final weeks of the semester.

Deans Redding and Welch

