



# Harvey Update

## September 2, 2017

The University of Houston will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 5, as scheduled. The campus is safe and in good shape, though not all facilities and services are fully operational yet. Aside from residential students, only specifically authorized personnel should be on campus before the Sept. 5 reopening.

Below, find the latest information regarding University status.

### **Cougar Emergency Fund & Financial Reconsideration Appeal (FRA) Form**

UH is aware that many of our students and their families have been dramatically impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding. If you are one of these students, the University has combined two processes to maximize how we can assist you financially. All affected students can request monetary assistance through the **Cougar Emergency Fund** and/or submit a Financial Reconsideration Appeal to potentially increase their aid with just one application. This will enable the University to connect affected students with every type of fund available. To connect with more information and the application, go to:

<http://www.uh.edu/financial/undergraduate/forms/#hurricane-harvey>

### **Child Watch Program for Students, Faculty and Staff at Campus Rec**

In need of short-term assistance with your children as you transition back to classes and work following Hurricane Harvey? Campus Recreation is providing a Child Watch program for the UH Community Tuesday through Friday, Sept. 5-8, as students, faculty, and staff return to campus. The program is FREE and will serve kids ages 5-12 years of age.

UH students, faculty, and staff may register their children to participate in the Child Watch program for 2-hour increments between the hours of 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day; registration for multiple days and/or time-slots will be allowed. The program can accommodate a maximum of 32 kids per hour.

Registration is strongly encouraged and will be taken by phone at **713-743-9506** on a first come,

first serve basis beginning Sunday, Sept. 3, from 12 - 5 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 4, between 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Parents must provide snacks, lunch, or any other required items their child may need. Please do not bring toys or valuables that could be lost or damaged.

If you have questions, please contact Mirum Washington-White, Associate Director of Programs, at [mwashin6@central.uh.edu](mailto:mwashin6@central.uh.edu).

### **UH Children's Learning Centers has limited availability for temporary use**

The UH Children's Learning Centers (CLC), [www.uh.edu/clc](http://www.uh.edu/clc), has a very limited number of temporary enrollment openings available through December.

These openings are in the toddler (approximately 1-3 year old) and preschool (approximately 3-5 years old) programs.

Because the openings are contingent upon a child's birthdate (due to our multi-age classrooms), it is important for interested families to work directly with the CLC to determine if their child fits into one of the availabilities.

These openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, pending age availability. Requests should be sent to Jennifer Skopal, Director of the Children's Learning Centers, at [jjdora@central.uh.edu](mailto:jjdora@central.uh.edu).

### **Want to Lend a Helping Hand? Join UH Cares**

Wondering what to do to help, but don't know where to start? UH CARES (Cougar Assisted Relief Efforts) has been launched as a database and clearinghouse to help UH volunteers organize into teams and take on projects in the aftermath of the storm. Volunteers can select college affiliations such as NSM or the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts, service groups such as the Bonner Leaders, academic interest groups such as Medicine and Society, or campus organizations such as the Metropolitan Volunteer Program—or they can ask to be placed where needed. The program is open to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the University.

If you are interested in serving as a Team Captain, contact Andrew Davis at [adavis5@Central.UH.EDU](mailto:adavis5@Central.UH.EDU) or 281-380-9464; Andrew Hamilton at [alhamil4@Central.UH.EDU](mailto:alhamil4@Central.UH.EDU) or 480-252-5919; or Bill Monroe at [wfmonroe@Central.UH.EDU](mailto:wfmonroe@Central.UH.EDU) or 713-927-1077

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

Students not currently assigned to UH residence halls who now 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, Sept. 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.

### **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.

## **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).

## **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.

## **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](#).

## **Donating to Help 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.

## **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/>

## **General Questions**

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