Dear Student,

On Tuesday, Belmont announced changes to the Fall 2020 Return to Campus Plans, including an online-only start to the semester and delayed move to campus. If you missed that update, you can view it here. We acknowledge how incredibly difficult this season of navigating the pandemic has been for our students and families. We in Residence Life are ready to welcome students back, and are still seeking to do so in the safest way possible with as much flexibility as we are able to allow.

As Dr. Fisher’s message stated, classes will begin as scheduled but will be fully online until September 4. HyFlex classes (mix of in-person and online) will begin on Monday, September 7; however, upperclassman students moving in after this date may still participate in classes remotely until they are able to move in. Upperclassman move-in will now take place on September 4-7 and September 11-13, and each upperclassman/transfer student will be asked again choose and sign up for a check-in day and one-hour check-in/unloading time in their Housing Portal. These times will be made available in the Housing Portal on Wednesday, August 12, at 10am Central Time.

To sign up for your check-in time, please login to myBelmont and select the Housing tab from the Launchpad (left side menu). Once in the Housing Portal, on the main screen under the Assignments heading, you will have the option to sign up for an available move-in time in your complex. Check-in time slots are available on a first-come basis. Time blocks not listed are unavailable or have reached the maximum number of sign-ups. We have limited the amount of students checking in at any given time, so we ask that you honor your selected check-in time by not arriving outside of your chosen time block. If you are experiencing issues with the sign-up feature, please do not delay in contacting Cady Tice, Assistant Director, at cady.tice@belmont.edu so that we can assist in a timely manner.

To make the move-in experience as smooth and as safe as possible, the University will be implementing the following move-in guidelines:

- ResLife staff will be available to check you in during your check-in block. For the safety of our students, families, and staff, volunteers will not be available to assist with unloading at our upperclassman complexes.
- Students are required to come during their selected move-in time in order to reduce the density of people moving through our complexes at a given time and to keep waiting times to a minimum.
- Students are encouraged to only bring guests with them that are necessary for assisting them with move-in. All students and family members present for and assisting with move-in are required to wear face masks in the residence halls and outside. Face masks are currently required on Belmont’s campus.
- Cars and vehicles are limited to two per student. We encourage our students to not bring trailers or U-Haul trucks. Residence Life discourages the use of trailers and U-Hauls as they will not fit in our parking facilities.
- You will be receiving two rear-view mirror tags and a color-coded map with directions to your check-in area. Please hang one mirror tag in each car traveling to campus and refer
to your hall’s move-in map (attached and also found at this link) to aid with move-in traffic.

- Areas closest to complex entrances will be reserved as unloading zones. You will be asked to relocate your vehicle (to a different lot or another level of your complex’s parking garage) after unloading in order to keep unloading zones clear for incoming students. Please make an effort to have your vehicle unloaded and your car relocated within your check-in hour, if possible.

**Move-In Day Tips:**

- Blue carts will be available at each upperclassman complex to assist with your move; however, please feel free to bring your own personal carts and dollies.
- In order to reduce the amount of cardboard waste on Move-In Day, please remove newly purchased items from the packaging before packing and consider using plastic storage bins.
- Any items ordered through our Belmont Marketplace program should be waiting for you in your room on move-in day (the deadline has passed to order additional items for in-room delivery).
- Despite our best laid plans, some check-in areas can experience a bit of a queue if everyone arrives at the beginning of each time block or interstate traffic causes arrival delays. If you experience a wait, you can assist us best by remaining comfortably in your running vehicle and allowing us to provide everyone the same quality experience. *Make sure you have enough gas in your vehicle when you arrive at Belmont in case of any minor delay.*

For information regarding Belmont’s Return to Campus plans, please visit [belmont.edu/return](http://belmont.edu/return). Additional information can be found on our website and FAQ page. We are looking forward to your safe arrival to campus in the fall. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us at 615.460.5802 or reslife@belmont.edu (as a reminder, office hours are 8:00am-4:30pm central time, Monday-Friday). We wish all of our students and families continued health and safety during this time.

Sincerely,

Anthony Donovan
Associate Dean of Students & Director of Residence Life