

Dear Berg Residents and Families,

This communication is being sent to you as members of our Marymount family who may be impacted by the current humidity and moisture issues in Berg Hall. As a close-knit community of Marymount Saints, we are committed to your safety.

Over the past several weeks the Washington, DC region has been inundated with higher than usual humidity and rain. These extreme weather conditions, coupled with high temperatures, have impacted the levels of humidity in Berg Hall. Similar to several universities in this region, we are working diligently to minimize the impact on our students and to develop a thorough response.

An environmental air quality specialist was brought in to evaluate our residential spaces. One third of the samples indicate a probable inside source of mold. The other samples indicate only a likelihood of an inside source is possible.

These findings lead us to believe it is more prudent to be cautious and respond conservatively to ensure our students are provided the safest and most comfortable places to live and learn.

Therefore, all residents of Berg Hall will relocate to temporary spaces while we work to address the internal humidity and moisture conditions, which seem to be the root cause of the mildew and mold growth this region is experiencing.

Those who have already been relocated, you will stay in your current assignment. For those who have yet to be relocated, your new temporary assignment will be shared with you individually. We anticipate the temporary assignments will last 3 weeks.

Likely you have a number of questions which are best fielded in person. For that reason, we are hosting the following:

**Berg Hall Relocation Meeting
Wednesday, September 26, 2018
Reinsch Auditorium, 8:00 PM**

Once students have cleared the spaces, our improvement plan includes the following:

- 1) Running commercial grade dehumidifiers.
- 2) Cleaning every room - all surfaces, cleaning or replacing furniture.
- 3) Placing the building under negative pressure, using HEPA air scrubbers to provide one final cleaning of the air in the building.
- 4) Inspecting thoroughly the building's mechanical system to ensure it is operating properly to address the humidity levels throughout.
- 5) Providing education for residents on what actions they can take to assist in the prevention of mold growth.

For questions, contact us at (703) 284-1608 between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM daily or rlife@marymount.edu. We will keep communications and additional resources available on our website at <http://www.marymount.edu/Student-Life/Housing/Student-Housing/Housing-Updates>

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