



# Harvey Update

## September 3, 2017

The University of Houston is in good shape, though not all facilities and services are fully operational yet, and will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 5. This is the final edition of the daily Harvey Updates. We will continue to add new information to the Harvey FAQ (<http://uh.edu/2017-harvey/>) and to respond to individual inquiries by email at [harvey2017@uh.edu](mailto:harvey2017@uh.edu). In addition, the campus community will receive targeted communications from the University addressing ongoing issues and solutions. Welcome back and Go, Coogs....

### **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 reasonably 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).

### **Withdrawal Options**

Last Friday's deadline for withdrawal from the University with a 70 percent refund for Session 1 of the fall semester has been extended to Sept. 8. The deadlines for a 50 percent and 25 percent refund have also been extended an additional week from the original deadline. Regarding Session 3, the deadline for withdrawal from the University with a 50 percent refund has been extended to Sept. 8. We encourage any student considering withdrawal to contact Enrollment Services at [Enrollmentservices@uh.edu](mailto:Enrollmentservices@uh.edu) prior to taking such action. The University is committed to accommodating students during this difficult time as they transition back to school.

### **Parking Replacement Permits Available**

Those students, staff and faculty needing assistance should visit the Parking and Transportation Services offices in either the Welcome Center Garage or the Stadium Garage (next to Taco Cabana) to fill out a form and receive a replacement permit. Please come in for Harvey-related permit replacements no later than Sept. 15.

You can park in the visitor section of either garage while you come in for a replacement tag. The first 30 minutes are free, and if you are inside longer than that, we can validate your visitor ticket. Parking permit violations will not be enforced until Sept. 18 in order to give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to address storm-related transportation issues.

### **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).

### **Employees' Kids Eat Free Monday and Tuesday**

On Monday, Sept. 4, and Tuesday, Sept. 5, the children of University of Houston faculty and staff can eat for free at the campus residential dining commons with the purchase of a regular meal. The offer applies to breakfast, lunch or dinner and is intended for children 18 and under. It is being sponsored by the University to support its employees.

It will be available all day Monday at Moody Towers Dining Commons and all day Tuesday at Cougar Woods Dining Commons. Faculty and staff must present their Cougar Card to the cashier.

### **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 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).

### **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>

### **Campus Rec and Wellness Center Hours Sept. 4-8**

Monday, Sept. 4, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 7, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 8, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

### **CRWC Natatorium**

Monday, Sept. 4, Closed  
Tuesday, Sept. 5, Closed  
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 7, 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 8, 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Please visit [www.uh.edu/recreation](http://www.uh.edu/recreation) for additional updates regarding other Campus Recreation facility hours, programs, and services. Campus Recreation is committed to resuming regular hours and organized programs as quickly as possible.

### **Student Center Hours Sept. 4-8**

#### **Student Center South (including the Student Center Games Room)**

Monday, Sept. 4, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

#### **Student Center South and Student Center North**

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7 a.m.—11 p.m.  
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7 a.m.—11 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 7, 7 a.m.—11 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 8, 7 a.m.—11 p.m.

### **Student Center Satellite**

Closed

### **CAPS Resumes Regular Hours Tuesday**

Counseling and Psychological Services will resume office hours Tuesday, Sept. 5. For initial appointments and crises, please walk in anytime Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-- 4 p.m. To speak to a counselor after business hours, dial 713.743.5454 and press 2. Additional referral options for counseling and other services are available at: <http://www.uh.edu/caps/referrals/>

### **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.

### **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.

### **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. 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.

### **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/> .

### **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.

### **President Khator Blog**

President Khator’s blog “The Morning After the Houston Floods,” which deals with the University’s initial response to the storm, can be found at:

<https://renukhator.wordpress.com/2017/09/03/the-morning-after-the-houston-floods/>

### **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) .**