

LIVE ON

FAMILY NEWS

For the families of students living on campus
at Michigan State University



On-Campus Housing Sign-Up

Learn all about sign-up
for 2025-26.

Spring Break Information

Get the details on
operations and hours.

Move-Out and Summer Housing

What your student needs to
know before the end of year.

WELCOME

Welcome to the spring 2025 issue of Live On Family News!

As we kick off the second semester, we're excited to share important updates and helpful resources to support your student's journey. Inside this issue, you'll find essential sign-up information for current first-year students entering the upcoming academic year, including details on roommate assignments, single room options and gender-inclusive housing.

We've also included everything you need to know about spring break plans, campus safety and much more. We hope this issue helps you stay informed and connected as we move through the spring semester!

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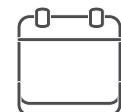
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Single room in Brody Complex

2025-26 RESIDENCE HALL SIGN-UP

For Students Currently in Their First Year

We are excited to share 2025-26 on-campus housing sign-up details for current first-year students. Students are required to live on campus for their first two years at MSU.

Residence hall housing sign-up for the 2025-26 academic year will be held this spring! For their second year, students can self-select their room from an inventory of open spaces or be assigned at random by the Housing Assignments Office.

NEED-TO-KNOW INFO

- 2025-26 Housing Contract is now available in your student's My Housing account. Contracts must be signed by March 11 to receive a sign-up window.
- In March, students who signed their contracts will be emailed a randomly assigned, specific 24-hour sign-up window to select their space.
- Once a space is selected, it is final. Room changes will not be made until after move-in.
- There are spaces designated for second-year students in each neighborhood; spaces across campus will be released each day of the sign-up period.
- On-campus apartments are not part of the housing options for current first-year students.

Current first-year students should not sign any off-campus leases, housing agreements, contracts, etc., as they will be required to live on campus unless approved for a housing exception or an approved group housing environment.

ROOMMATES

For 2025-26, students may be pulled in as a roommate or a suitemate using roommate groups. Roommate groups of two will be able to select a community or suite-style room. Roommate groups of three or more will see available suite-style rooms for selection.

Only fellow current first-year students can be pulled in as roommates/suitemates. Students may not pull in incoming, transfer students or current second-year+ students.

Students looking for a new roommate can use the My College Roomie app ahead of room selection. Live On will also be hosting a Roommate Match event on Feb. 18. Have your student watch the Live On website for more information.

LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES

In the second year of their Living-Learning Community (LLC) experience, students can choose a designated space within the LLC! These second-year spaces may be in a different location than their current LLC.

To secure a space in the second-year community, LLC students need to complete and submit the LLC Housing Opt-In Form. This form must be submitted to be eligible for residency in a second-year LLC area prior to the March 11 deadline.

Keep in mind, for students opting to live in an LLC space for their second year, their chosen roommates must also be members of the same LLC.

While living in the LLC for the second year is an option, it's not mandatory. If a student is not interested in their LLC's second-year housing or prefers to live with a roommate outside of their LLC, they can select a space during the general selection process.

HOUSING EXCEPTIONS

Students may apply for an exception in My Housing to live off campus and be released from the housing requirement. Students who qualify for an exception but want to live on campus do not have to submit an exception. Exceptions are only for required students with a desire to live off campus.



By submitting an exception, your student is requesting to be released from the live-on requirement. If their exception is approved, they will no longer be required to live on campus and may not be able to secure on-campus housing in future years. This action cannot be undone. Please discuss this option with your student before they submit the exception.

GENDER-INCLUSIVE HOUSING

MSU has Gender-Inclusive Housing floors in most neighborhoods on campus. Students will be able to indicate they want to live in a Gender-Inclusive Housing space when going through the housing selection process.

SINGLE ROOMS

If your student is interested in a single room for 2025-26, there will be limited single-room options, primarily available in Owen Hall and North Neighborhood.

To provide an opportunity for everyone interested in a single room to request one, students will complete the Single Room Interest Form and we will randomly assign interested students the ability to select single spaces.

The Single-Room Interest Form must be completed in My Housing by March 11. The Housing Assignments Office will email students if they can select a single room. If your student does not receive a single room selection time, they will choose a space during general room selection.

This process is the only way to select a single room. Students will not have the option to buy out a space in the general selection process.

ROCK THE BLOCK

Is your current first-year student interested in grabbing a suite with friends for the year 2025-26? What about a block of rooms on the same floor in Brody? Our Rock the Block event in mid-March is here to help them do just that!

Encourage your student to join us this year to block off a series of rooms in a residence hall so they can have the perks of living with their close friends for the 2025-26 academic year.

If your student can't make it to Rock the Block, don't worry! They can still select roommates and suitemates, subject to space availability, during general sign-up. Or book a meeting with a housing specialist to go over their options by having them call 517-884-5483. Visit liveon.msu.edu for more information.



Past Rock the Block event

Just because the busses have always been available, don't expect them to be on super cold or extra snowy days. Give yourself time to walk.

– Patrice

ENSURING A CLEAN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Winter and Spring-Cleaning Procedures in MSU Residence Halls

As Michigan's colder months bring more time indoors, the risk of illness increases. To help reduce the spread of viruses, REHS Facilities is committed to providing a clean, healthy living environment in our residence halls.

Our Cleaning Protocols

We offer green cleaning services seven days a week, focusing on high-touch areas. Our team disinfects these surfaces regularly to minimize illness transmission. Additionally, our Central Maintenance Team ensures that air filters are checked weekly and replaced as needed to maintain air quality.

Key Areas of Focus for Enhanced Cleaning

Daily Disinfection of High-Touch Surfaces: All high-contact areas, including doorknobs, light switches, and elevator buttons, are disinfected regularly using an EPA-registered disinfectant.

Restroom Cleaning: Special attention is given to restrooms, ensuring they are cleaned and disinfected multiple times throughout the day.

Lounge and Common Area Cleaning: These spaces are also cleaned frequently to provide a safe, comfortable environment for residents to relax and socialize.

What You Can Do

While our cleaning procedures are robust, preventing the spread of illness is a collective effort. We encourage students to take proactive steps to protect themselves and others, including:

- **Washing hands regularly:** Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- **Avoid touching the face:** Refrain from touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes:** Always cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or elbow.
- **Clean living spaces regularly:** Encourage students to clean their living areas, particularly suite bathrooms, to help keep germs at bay.

A Shared Responsibility

Keeping MSU clean and safe is a team effort. We ask for your support in following these steps, helping us provide a safe and thriving environments for all Spartans this winter and spring.



SPRING BREAK INFORMATION

Spring break is just around the corner! If your student is heading off campus for the break, we wish them safe travels and a relaxing time. For those staying on campus — whether for the entire break or part of it — students are welcome to remain without needing to take any extra steps!

For Those Staying on Campus During Spring Break:

- Halls will require card access for entry.
- Resident assistants (RAs) will be on duty from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- The primary Service Centers in each neighborhood will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit liveon.msu.edu/servicecenters for open locations.
- If students have further questions regarding spring break operations, contact the Housing Assignments Office at 517-884-5483 or liveon@msu.edu.



Spring Break Dining Hours

MSU's spring break is March 3-7. Dining locations on campus will have modified hours of operation from Friday, Feb. 28, through Sunday, March 9. Brody Square, South Pointe at Case, the Edge at Akers and the Vista at Shaw will remain open during the break.

Their hours for Saturday, March 1 through Saturday, March 8, are as follows:

- Breakfast: 8-9 a.m.
- Lunch: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Dinner: 5-7 p.m.

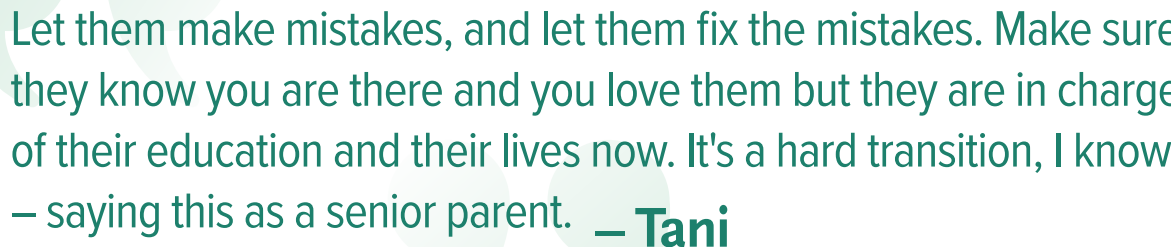
Residential dining halls transition back to their spring semester hours Sunday, March 9. For additional details, including retail locations and foodservice partners, please visit go.msu.edu/dininghours. Hours will be posted on the Eat at State website by mid-February.




Akers hall dining

There are so many helpful resources available. Do your best to take advantage of them.

— Pam, parent



Let them make mistakes, and let them fix the mistakes. Make sure they know you are there and you love them but they are in charge of their education and their lives now. It's a hard transition, I know – saying this as a senior parent. – Tani



SPRING MOVE-OUT

Spring 2025 move-out will take place from April 28-May 2, with all residence halls officially closing at 8 p.m., Friday, May 2. Students are welcome to leave at their convenience before this deadline, but all residents must check out and return their keys to the Service Center before leaving campus for the semester.

Late-Stay Requests

If your student needs to stay later, either Friday, May 2, or Saturday, May 3, they can submit a late-stay request through their My Housing account. Additional details on how to request an extension will be provided as move-out approaches.

To ensure all residents leave their rooms in move-in condition by Friday, May 2, we encourage your student to follow the 2025 Sustainable Move-Out Checklist:

- Pack up and take all personal items.
- Clean the bathroom.
- Donate unwanted furniture, clothes, books, electronics and household items.
- Donate unwanted non-perishable food items.
- Recycle papers and plastics and dispose of all trash.
- Close windows, lower blinds, turn off lights and lock the door.
- Check out at a designated location, returning keys to avoid lock-change charges.

Pack Up. Pitch In.

Encourage your student to participate in Pack Up. Pitch In., an MSU-wide effort to reduce waste during move-in and move-out. This initiative enhances recycling options and diverts materials from landfills. Students can donate bulky items like futons or bikes at designated stations throughout the residence halls. If your student needs help locating a donation station, they can ask at the Service Center.

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up.

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in.

Recycle here!



Rather hall, Brody neighborhood

STAY CONNECTED WITH SPARTAN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Spartan Family Connections is your one-stop resource for staying in the loop with your student's life at Michigan State University. This platform offers families easy access to important information about academic policies, student conduct, mental and physical health resources, financial aid, and much more.

From newsletters to the latest campus updates, Spartan Family Connections ensures you're always informed and connected. Plus, there's a Spartan Family Podcast where you can listen to expert insights and key topics affecting students and families.

To explore all the ways you can engage with MSU's campus community, visit family.msu.edu. Stay connected and support your Spartan through every step of their journey!

SUMMER HOUSING 2025

Is your student looking to live on this summer? Rather Hall in Brody Neighborhood will house our summer students for summer sessions one and two. Applications for summer housing at MSU will open Tuesday, April 1 in your student's My Housing account. Students must be enrolled in classes for the sessions they are living on campus this summer.

More information will be shared on liveon.msu.edu later this semester!



Family Weekend 2024

Spartan Family Connections Care Kit

We know sending your student off to college can be an emotional time.

And whether you are feeling sentimental or celebratory (hey, we don't judge), Spartan Family Connections wants to offer you a bit of MSU comfort — delivered right to your door!

Our Spartan Family Care Kit includes MSU-branded household items such as a cozy throw blanket, a stainless-steel tumbler, postcards you can send your student and more!

Visit spartanfamilyshop.com to order your care kit.

Proceeds from the \$75 purchase go to fund family programming and events.

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Let us bring some East Lansing to you.**



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JOIN OUR TEAM



Work experience can often enhance what a student learns in the classroom and provide them with the necessary skills to create good work-life balance habits — plus a little extra cash never hurt anyone!

One of the greatest benefits of student employment is it provides students the 2-3 years of work experience that employers often look for in entry-level candidates. On-campus employment allows students to make connections outside of the classroom as well as get an insider look into the many elements that help MSU thrive as a university and a community.

Students can find a variety of employment opportunities located directly on the MSU campus — no need to travel far! Student Life & Engagement is committed to prioritizing flexibility and cooperation when creating schedules that work around a student's class schedule.

We offer a fun environment and have an excellent rapport with campus partners. We provide student positions in the residence halls, dining services, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, Breslin Student Events Center, and various administrative offices.

Many of these positions are also needed during the summer months to support our summer session students, maintain our residence halls, cater for summer conferences and more. As an added bonus, student team members are able to work a full 40 hours during the summer, as opposed to the 29-hour limit during the school year! Spartans are encouraged to visit jobs.sle.msu.edu to find the right job for their schedule.

Always be the best version of yourself! Whether it is thoughtfully talking to a professor who is hard to understand or watching the full CATA bus blaze by you on a miserable day, meet your challenges with positivity and kindness.

– Rebecca, parent

CAMPUS SAFETY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

As the weather warms up and the excitement of spring celebrations begins, it's important to stay mindful of your safety. At Michigan State University, student safety remains a top priority, and there are a number of measures in place to help protect students. Here's a refresher to share with your student on campus safety. View more tips at liveon.msu.edu/campus-safety.

Residence Hall Security

Restricted access: All residence hall exterior doors, elevators and living corridors require a valid student ID to enter. Access is limited to residents only.

Fire safety: Each residence hall is equipped with fire alarm systems, hardwired smoke detectors, fire-rated floors and sprinkler systems.

Emergency support: The East Lansing Fire Department and MSU Department of Police & Public Safety (DPPS) are just minutes away from all residence halls.

Emergency phones: Green Emergency Phones are available on every residence hall floor and outdoors across campus, connecting directly to 911.

Building Security Tips

Lock your door: Always lock your room or apartment door, even if you're stepping out briefly. Never prop doors open.

Guests: Residents must accompany their guests for the duration of their visit. Non-residents should not be allowed access to locked buildings.

Secure your belongings: Keep valuables in a private, safe space.

Be Prepared

SafeMSU app: This app provides access to a number of safety resources right from your smartphone, including virtual friend walk and tip reporting.

Safe Ride: If you're out late and need to walk, make sure to go with a friend, or use MSU's Safe Ride program. Call 517-884-8069 or use the TransLoc Rider App to request a ride.

Designate a driver: Plan ahead — have a designated driver or a ride service set up before heading out.

Know the signs of alcohol poisoning: If someone is showing signs of alcohol poisoning, call 911 immediately. Medical amnesty laws may protect you from legal consequences in emergencies.

Trust Your Instincts

If something feels off, it probably is. Always trust your gut. If you see something suspicious or concerning, report it immediately. To report an incident, text MSUDPPS along with your message to 274637. In case of emergency, call or text 911.

Your safety is always a priority, and together, we can make sure MSU remains a safe environment for all. Stay alert, be prepared, and enjoy all that this season has to offer!



Amazon lockers in Holden Hall

AMAZON LOCKERS NOW IN RESIDENCE HALLS!

We're excited to announce Amazon Lockers are now available in Brody, Holden and Owen halls! This secure delivery option allows your student to receive packages directly on campus.

Your student can select this option during Amazon checkout, as long as spaces are available. They can still choose home delivery or use regular campus delivery if needed.

Please remind your student to pick up packages promptly once they receive a notification.

These three locations will be used to gauge interest, with later expansion of the service if it's successful.

calendar

OF EVENTS

february

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ROOMMATE
MATCH EVENT

march 3-7

SPRING BREAK



march 11

SINGLE ROOM
INTEREST FORM CLOSES

LLC HOUSING
OPT-IN FORM CLOSES

april 1

SUMMER HOUSING
APPLICATIONS OPEN



april
28-may 2

FINALS WEEK



may 2

RESIDENCE HALLS
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