



Memo from President Mingo

To: Residential Students
Date: July 9, 2020
Subject: Fall Residential Life

Dear Residential Student,

Congratulations, and welcome to WCCC residential life!

We are writing today to confirm that we are opening the residence halls this fall, but there are some significant changes aimed at minimizing the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus within the campus residence hall environment.

One of the changes is that housing is limited to one person per bedroom. Having your own space will allow you the freedom to not wear a mask all the time. Campus safety protocols such as wearing a mask and keeping a safe distance from others apply in all common areas of the residence halls.

Our residence halls are apartment style living. There are three bedrooms, a common bathroom, kitchen and living room space within each unit. Depending on your housing assignment, you will more than likely share a common living space and a bathroom with a maximum of two other residents; three total individuals per apartment. Our overall residential occupancy will be only 60% of our full capacity this fall semester. We unfortunately, will not be allowing students to have guests in the residence halls as we are limiting campus access to help decrease potential COVID-19 exposure experiences.

We are also giving housing priority to students whose courses or program requires hands-on learning or demonstrations using equipment located on campus. Those students will be the only ones on campus for face-to-face classes in the fall.

Whenever possible, we will be grouping students according to their program of study, so you might find your neighbors are also in your classes. The idea is to create cohorts of people on campus who have similar schedules and needs.

Dining options will also be different to ensure physical distancing. That may range from limited indoor seating to new grab-and-go and/or delivery options.

During the fall semester access to the Igloo Lounge, pool tables, fitness center, and indoor common areas will be closed and/or limited. To support students staying on campus and limiting travel outside of Calais, Maine, WCCC is providing additional outdoor programs with small groups that ensure physical distancing and recommended CDC precautions. WCCC residence halls have two laundry rooms, one located in Quoddy Hall and the other located in the Downeast Hall. We will provide laundry free of

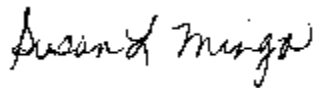
charge for the fall semester to promote and support personal hygiene. In addition, we will provide each residential unit with the necessary CDC recommended cleaning and disinfecting supplies.

We know that's a lot, but it's worth it to be able to keep the residence halls open. We know having on-campus housing can be the deciding factor for many of you in attending our college. Although we cannot eliminate the full risk associated with living on campus, we've made these adjustments after thoughtful consideration of the public health recommendations in an attempt to provide a living and learning experience which limits potential exposure to the extent practicable.

We want to see you succeed. We will be there to help you. I'd encourage you to join us in the planning for fall. If you have suggestions or concerns, contact us at covid-19@wccc.me.edu or call Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Retention, Nichole Cote at (207)454-1012.

We'll be continuing to send out information about the fall, and you can also get more information on the Maine Community College System [COVID FAQ page](#).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan L. Mingo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan L. Mingo
President