

Hi there,

Your journey to GW is almost here! In a few short days, you will be moving into your new home away from home as you begin the next exciting chapter of your life – College.

**This message includes pertinent details specific to your move-in. We know this is a long message! It is very important that you read through all of it and save it to reference this weekend.**

*Also, share this message with your move-in helper(s) who will be joining you on move-in day, especially the individual driving you—they will need and appreciate the GPS directions!*

## Your Fall Housing Assignment

- Fall Room and Bed Space: Contact Campus Living
- Your Residence Hall Building: Contact Campus Living
- **Please double-check your arrival date and time on our [Campus Living E-Services Portal](#)**

When you arrive at your residence hall, you will be greeted at check-in by one of our **Community Coordinators**. These GW staff members who live in the residence halls will be great resources for you and your fellow residents throughout the year. If you forgot who your hall's community coordinator is, find them on our [website](#).

## Your Guide to Fall 2022 Move-in

### Your Arrival to Campus & Move-in Checklist

Move-in day is going to be a lot of things – hectic, exciting, hot (if it doesn't rain), fun and exhausting. There will likely be some laughs, some tears, and a few trips to the store because you no doubt forgot something. Don't worry! We've been in your shoes and understand that this weekend will bring a mix of emotions. Don't forget you're not alone—you & your classmates are experiencing this first together!

We recommend following the tips and instructions in these four sections to help you have a successful move-in:

- Pre-Departure
- Getting to Campus
- How to Check-in
- After You Have Settled Into Your Room

#### PRE-DEPARTURE:

- Verify your driving directions: If driving or using a ride-share service from a nearby airport, enter the GPS arrival address for your residence hall as noted in the [move-in guide](#), not GW's main address.
- If taking the [Metro](#) from Union Station (train) or a nearby airport, check their time schedule. Metro is currently operating at a reduced schedule during summer maintenance work.
- Print your campus map of [Foggy Bottom](#) or [Mount Vernon](#) before arrival. Sometimes, a physical map to hold is better than trying to resize a map on your mobile device.
- **\*\*Complete your [online self-check-in](#) at least 24 hours before your arrival to ensure you have access to your building and room.**
- Per the university's COVID protocols, you must [present a negative COVID-19 PCR test](#) when you check in to your residence hall to the Campus Living & Residential Education staff. If you are not able to take a PCR test, an antigen/self-home test will be accepted. The test must be taken within three days of arrival on campus. Please plan your test within three days of your scheduled arrival date indicated in the [E-Services Portal](#).
- [Schedule](#) your after-arrival COVID test at one of the GW Test Centers. The test centers will be open on Saturday & Sunday and have appointments every 5 -10 minutes.

## Complete your Online Self Check-In Before You Arrive

#### GETTING TO CAMPUS:

□ **Confirm your residence hall's check-in location in the [Fall 2022 Move-in Guide](#). *Some check-in locations are in the residence hall lobby while other halls will utilize a central check-in Hub.***

##### ***If arriving by public transportation:***

- You can go to your check-in location, and we'll be happy to assist.

##### ***If driving or using a ride-share service and your check-in is your hall:***

- Locate your residence hall and follow the directions of GW staff providing on-site traffic control directions.
- There may be a short line/wait before you can be directed to a location for you to temporarily park and unload.
- Once unloaded, we will direct you to the [closest garage](#) for you to park, if that is needed. For those arriving on Aug. 20, 21, or 22, you will receive a three-hour voucher to park, but you may stay as long as you want and, upon departure, will be prompted to pay the fee difference if you stayed longer than three hours. **Do not lose your entry ticket, as you'll still need it to exit the garage.**
- We are not able to offer long-term parking at any of our residence hall buildings.
- Upon arrival, go check in. Have your driver and others wait in the car. If they are able, they should start unloading while you check in.

##### ***If driving or using a ride-share service and your check-in is at one of the central hubs:***

- First, go to the location as noted for your building's central check-in hub. This information is listed in the [Fall 2022 Move-in Guide](#).
- While your driver awaits directions on where to temporarily park for unloading, please visit the check-in desk to start that process.
- While you are checking in, your move-in helpers should start unloading your belongings.
- After you are done unloading, if you need to park your vehicle, proceed to the [closest garage](#) to park. If you are arriving on Aug. 20, 21, or 22, at check-in, you will receive a three-hour voucher to park, but you may stay as long as you want and, upon departure, will be prompted to pay the fee difference if you stayed longer than three hours.

#### Follow the Rules: UNLOADING versus PARKING.



**UNLOADING:** During designated move-in days and timeslots, the street in front of the residence hall will be reserved for unloading purposes only. You will be able to park temporarily to unload your belongings. Once your vehicle is empty, **immediately move to longer-term parking.**

**Vehicles cannot be left unattended in unloading zones.** Please be aware, the streets in front of our buildings are city streets, and unattended vehicles can be ticketed and towed by the District's parking enforcement at any time. GW is not liable for parking and towing fines incurred during move-in. Unloading and then moving your car as quickly as possible greatly helps the process for others that need to unload.

**PARKING:** Once unloaded, vehicles should be moved to one of our [visitor garages](#). During designated move-in days, students will receive a parking voucher for the first three hours of parking in one of our garages when they check-in. Paid street parking may be available depending on the day and time. Parking is free on Sundays in identified locations in D.C.

*When using a blue cart, do not start setting up your room until you have transported all items in your blue cart and completely unloaded. Return your blue cart so that others can access these carts and then unpack/set up.*

#### How to Check In

Confirm your residence hall's check-in location in the [Fall 2022 Move-in Guide](#). *Some check-in locations are in the residence hall lobby, while other halls will utilize a central check-in Hub.*

- **You will not be able to tap into your individual room until you physically check in at one of our check-in locations and receive your GWorld card. Your pre-arrival online self-check-in is just the first step of the process.**
- Please have your driver's license, passport, or other government issued-ID ready.
- GW has an indoor mask mandate, so please ensure that all students and move-in helpers wear masks properly.
- You will be required to present a negative COVID-19 test result at check-in. You will not be required to self-quarantine because of travel before or after arrival at the residence halls.
- **CORRECTION/UPDATE:** Outdated information was included in the Orientation email earlier this week about [COVID testing](#). **PLEASE NOTE:** ALL students coming to campus for the first time, whether you present a PCR test or Antigen test at your residence hall check-in, are required to schedule a PCR test at one of the GW Test Centers after arrival to campus.
- At check-in, you will receive your GWorld photo ID card, pick up your U•Pass Metrocard, a welcome bag with your Class of 2026 t-shirt, and other materials.

#### After You Have Settled Into Your Room

- Take a Deep Breath! You're here! It's Real! It's time to enjoy the unpacking process and organizing your room.
- Pick up any packages that you mailed to GW at [Mail & Package Services](#) (MPS) or at one of the temporary package centers set up in various residence halls. MPS will send you a confirmation email w/instructions once they have recorded your package in the system.
- Conduct a visual assessment of your room. Report any repair issues through our [FixIt system](#).
- Get connected to the Internet by connecting wirelessly to the [GWireless WiFi Network](#).
- **Think Green!** Break down your boxes and bring them to designated recycling areas or send them home with your family to reuse. Also, consider energy-efficient items for use in your residence hall room. Visit [Sustainability at GW](#) to find out more ways to get involved with the green mission at GW.
- Check your orientation schedule and look for opportunities and events to start getting to know your new classmates.

#### Final Tips

- Please plan to arrive during the move-in timeslot you chose in your [Campus Living E-Services Portal](#). This helps our team ensure we have everything ready for you and helps with overcrowding.
- **Please be aware** that in our larger buildings, the hot water can take 10-15 minutes to come to temperature when you first move in. After the pipes recirculate, it should not be an issue.
- Please adhere to all signage regarding building traffic flow, especially elevator use, to accommodate social distancing.
- If you are on a lower floor and can take the steps, we encourage you to do this to help ease the flow as others move in. Keep in mind elevators can get very crowded quickly with people and belongings.
- Please be on the lookout for information about introductory building meetings with your hall's [Community Coordinator](#).

#### Questions?

If you have any questions about the information we outlined, contact us at [living@gwu.edu](mailto:living@gwu.edu). Please include your name & your fall room assignment in your message.

Please keep in mind that this is the start of a very busy move-in season, and our responses to your email questions may be delayed. We will strive to reply to emails within 1-2 business days. While we will be monitoring email during the weekend of Aug. 20 - 21, please understand that we will prioritize replying to the most urgent email requests during the weekend and the more routine questions on Monday during business hours.

Safe Travels!  
GW's Campus Living & Residential Education Team