What is happening in Kennedy Hall?
In preparation for renovation work on the building’s HVAC system, University facilities staff found various levels of mold located throughout the building. Out of an abundance of caution, the University has taken the steps of closing Kennedy Hall and is working to relocate students to other spaces in University Housing or at off-campus apartment properties. The decision to close Kennedy Hall was made on Jan. 7. Kennedy Hall will be closed for at least this semester as the university works to determine the best course of action for that building.

What was so bad that it could not wait until the end of the semester?
University Housing planned to replace the chiller as part of the HVAC system in Kennedy Hall. The chiller is the unit that circulates air throughout the building. In preparation for making these repairs, it was determined the varying levels of mold detected would not improve without the repairs to the HVAC, which could not happen in the timeframe before students arrived back to campus. Out of an abundance of caution, the University is acting now to ensure the safety of our students.

When do I have to move out of Kennedy Hall?
Students will not be allowed to stay overnight in Kennedy Hall and should be prepared to move directly to their new assignment when they arrive on campus. Move out should occur no later than Sunday, Jan. 13.

Do I get to keep my same roommates?
University Housing will work to keep currently assigned roommates together where possible.

If I am assigned to off-campus housing, when will I need to move out of my room after the semester ends?
Move out will still take place on May 10, 2019. Logistics regarding move out will be communicated at a later date.

Do I have a choice?
Kennedy Hall will be closed, and no students will be allowed to remain in that residence hall. Move out is mandatory. Students will be placed in other locations to accommodate for this situation. Students may choose to opt out of their Housing contract at this time should they choose to do so.

Can I transfer to the Armstrong Campus?
University Housing does have available spaces on the Armstrong Campus if a student wishes to change campuses. You academic advisor can work with you to determine a schedule to accommodate classes on the Armstrong Campus.
Is this going to cost me more to live off campus or at a different place on campus?
Students will be charged at their Kennedy Hall rate for moving off-campus. No additional charges will be applied. If applicable, students will be able to apply their financial aid directly to their housing payment, as the charge will remain on the account. For students who move to a lower cost of housing, a credit for the difference in cost will be applied to their student account.

Will I get reimbursed for having to move?
University Housing will assist students with moving their belongings. We will not issue reimbursements for the move associated with this closure. To ensure affordability for students being moved, University Housing will keep the consistent Kennedy Hall room rates charged to your account.

What if my belongings are damaged?
If you have damaged items, please fill out the following form: GL_Incident_Report.doc. Once complete, please email the form to Christy Yother (cyother@georgiasouthern.edu). If the claim is medical in nature, please include a short summary of the reported medical issues document.

Will University Housing help me move my belongings?
Yes - University Housing will run a series of moving trucks from Kennedy Hall to the local apartment complexes. To participate in utilizing this service, students must pack items in boxes labeled with the student’s name and new room assignment. Items that cannot fit in a box may be placed in a blue bin labeled with the student’s name and new room assignment. Items will be picked up from the Kennedy lobby and delivered to a designated drop off point at your assigned location at your designated moving time.

Will my new assigned location be furnished? What amenities will be provided?
Yes - your space will be furnished based on assignment. We will update this documents with specifics as soon as possible.

What will I do for laundry?
On-campus laundry will vary based upon the building in which you are assigned. Off-campus apartments have laundry located inside the units.

How are you addressing my safety and security in my new assignment?
Your safety and security are our top priority. Residence hall staff will be moving into the apartment complexes with you to ensure you have a staff member present to assist you when needed. Additionally, University Police are available by calling (912) 478-5234 if needed.

How long will Kennedy remain closed?
Kennedy Hall will be closed for at least this semester as the university works to determine the best course of action for that building.

What if I am not returning to the University for the Spring Semester?
If you are not returning this spring, please fill out our online cancellation form to indicate your reason for not returning. Please visit GSUhousing.com/cancel.

What can I do about my Dining Plan since I've been relocated?
Students who are relocated to Freedom's Landing or an off-campus apartment complex have the option of changing or opting out of the first-year Dining Plan requirement. Please contact the Eagle Card Center at
(912) 478-5311 as soon as possible to make this adjustment. Their office has been provided with a list of students who have been impacted.

If you are a resident of Kennedy Hall who has been relocated to another residence hall on campus (such as University Villas, Watson, Eagle Village, Centennial Place, Southern Courtyard or Southern Pines), you will still be required to adhere to the first-year Dining Plan requirement. If you would like more information on this topic, please visit the Eagle Dining Services website at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/diningplans.

**Now that I have been relocated, what do I need to do about my parking permit?**

Relocated students may still park in the Kennedy Hall parking lot. Students who are relocated to Freedom’s Landing or an off-campus apartment complex have the option of exchanging their residential parking permit for a commuter permit in any available lot on the Statesboro Campus. Students relocated due to the issues in Kennedy Hall may also return their parking permit for a full refund (prorated based on the date of exchange). For questions and/or assistance with this matter, contact the Parking and Transportation Office at (912) 478-7275 (Statesboro) or (912) 344-2837 (Armstrong).