



Short-Term Housing Resources

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Residence halls are closing on Saturday, November 21 at 5 p.m. so there can be a thorough cleaning and disinfecting of campus before the spring semester begins.

Key Dates

Saturday, November 21, 2020*

Students are required to move out of the residence halls by 5 p.m.

*Or within 48 hours if an announcement is made to move to virtual learning prior to that date.

Friday, January 8, 2021

Residence hall move-in begins at noon. As the COVID-19 situation continues to be fluid, we will follow developments closely and keep you informed as additional guidance is made available.

Where to Stay

Columbia offers several short-term housing options as found on the sites below.

Sites	Description
Zillow	Zillow lets you search rental listings. Your search can be narrowed with specific search criteria. For example, if you prefer an apartment to a house, select “apartments” for “Home type.” Further, if you are looking for a furnished unit, type “furnished” in the keyword search provided for “More.” When narrowing your options, be sure to ask the rental company (or landlord) about month-to-month (as opposed to longer-term) leases.
AirBnB	AirBnBs are furnished, short-term rentals. When narrowing your options, be sure to ask the host about monthly (as opposed to nightly) rates.
VRBO	VRBOs are furnished, short-term rentals. When narrowing your options, be sure to ask the host about monthly (as opposed to nightly) rates.
MU Off-Campus Student Services	The “Find Housing” search feature of MU’s Off-Campus Student Services lists rental properties close to MU campus (which is just south of downtown). This site also provides additional resources related to leasing, including rental terminology. Of particular interest to you may be “ short-term lease options. ”

Get Your Food Delivered

Have your groceries and meals delivered to your door.

Grocery	Delivery Fees
Hy-Vee	\$9.95 with a minimum \$30 purchase.
Walmart	Varies, depending on the delivery time slot.

While not a grocery store, [Instacart](#) is another option – and one the International Center has reliably used – for getting groceries delivered in a hurry. It lets you shop from local grocery stores online, then sends a “personal shopper” to fulfill and deliver the order to you the same day – often within a few hours. Think of this option as the Uber/Lyft of grocery delivery. Delivery fee starts at \$3.99, and the service fee is around 5%. Add to that a tip of 10-20% on your order.

Food	Delivery fees
DoorDash	Varies by restaurant. Add to that a tip of 10-20% on your order.
Grubhub	Vary by restaurant. Add to that a tip of 10-20% on your order.
Postmates	Start at \$3.99. Add to that a tip of 10-20% on your order.
Uber Eats	Start at \$4.99. Add to that a tip of 10-20% on your order.