March 30, 2020

Dear Vi Hilbert Hall Resident,

Over the last few weeks, there have been a lot of unanticipated changes to our daily routines. We know that the uncertainty of this can be stressful and hard to manage. We appreciate your patience as Vi Hilbert has worked to understand how our community could respond to Seattle University’s recent decision to close its residence halls for the Spring 2020 quarter. Upon learning of SU's intentions, we needed a moment to evaluate the specifics of SU’s decision so we could work to find alignment for the residents at Vi Hilbert, and to serve the needs of those intending to move home during the Spring 2020 quarter. Vi Hilbert is in a unique, private ownership structure and operates on a different housing agreement term than SU (12-month vs. academic year).

After a good deal of discussion with SU, we are happy to be able to provide you and your families with a bit of clarity around what to expect at Vi Hilbert as the year continues to unfold. We are offering current Vi Hilbert residents two options:

Option 1: Continue to live at Vi Hilbert for the remainder of your lease term. Your monthly rent and any other applicable monthly fees will be charged as normal, and in turn Vi Hilbert Hall will continue to operate as normal for the benefit of our student residents. We will, however, be following policies and cleaning guidelines consistent with those provided by the CDC, the King County Public Health Department, and the governor of the State of Washington to minimize the risks of residents contracting or transmitting the COVID 19 virus.

Option 2: Move out for some or all of the Spring 2020 quarter. Your lease will remain in effect through its current end date of August 31, 2020. If you have already moved out, or decide to move out and follow the guidelines presented here, you will be eligible to receive a credit on your account for your rent for April, May, and the first half of June, to the extent you do not occupy your apartment during that time period. Normal rent charges will be due for the second half of June, as well as July and August, for all residents.

To take advantage of this option, you will need to notify the Leasing Office of your intent to temporarily vacate your apartment by April 6, 2020. The initial rent credit will be applied whenever you return your keys to the Leasing Office to hold onto until you return. You will not need to remove your belongings from your apartment since you will still have a lease with Vi Hilbert. If you have already left for spring break and do not plan on returning for any part of the Spring 2020 quarter, please still notify the Leasing Office by April 6 and mail your keys back to the office no later than April 10.

Please note that even if you do not return to campus following the Spring 2020 quarter, your lease is still in effect, and you will be responsible to remove belongings at the end of your lease in accordance with the lease’s move-out guidelines. If you are renewing in the same unit, however, no action is necessary.

For more information on this process, please visit http://vihilberthall.com/covid19.
We understand that some of your initial inquiries about how Vi Hilbert would respond to Seattle University’s actions may not have provided you with a satisfactory response, and for that we apologize. This is an unprecedented time for all of us and, like you, we are operating with circumstances that continue to change daily.

Please let us know which option you prefer as soon as possible, but no later than April 6. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing info@vihilberthall.com.

Vi Hilbert Hall