

Dear Burton Conner community,

We are writing to share the news that, beginning in June 2020, Burton Conner will be the next MIT residence hall to be renewed. Keep reading to learn more about this positive news, and the ways you can be involved in planning for this transition. **We will be holding a community meeting tomorrow night at 5 p.m. in the Porter Room so that we can share more information (and have dinner together).** We hope to see you there!

Decision Background

MIT has developed a capital planning framework "[MIT 2030](#)" to guide the renovation and renewal of academic, residential, and student life spaces across the campus. As part of this effort, the Division of Student Life (DSL), Department of Facilities (DoF), and Office of Campus Planning (OCP) have been working together to prioritize residential renewal projects that will help ensure our residence halls continue to meet the needs of students for generations to come.

As many of you know, campus planners have been reviewing how best to sequence the renewal of Burton Conner and East Campus. After careful deliberation, and in consideration of facility conditions, a decision has been made to take Burton Conner offline in June 2020. The targeted completion and re-opening date is August 2022.

Improving our residential communities is exciting news; the Burton Conner community will have an updated space when it reopens. We understand, though, that this may be unsettling and create uncertainty for our students. Our highest priority during this process will be to keep the lines of communication open with Burton Conner residents and other communities, to listen to students' ideas, and ultimately to make the renewal period go as smoothly as possible.

Why We Wanted to Tell You Now

As we told your house team and exec when we met with them earlier to discuss this decision, there are some questions that we know the answers to right now, but there are many that we don't. We wanted to share this news with you as soon as possible, though, so that we can work with you in developing a transition plan.

[We created this FAQ](#) to help answer some of the questions you might have, and to communicate next steps. Tomorrow night's meeting will be an opportunity to share more information about the renewal planning process.

In Closing

We hope you find this email and the FAQ a helpful start. If you have questions or comments, please email burtonconner-renewal@mit.edu. Please remember that we're in this together, and that we all want to develop an effective, supportive transition plan

for the Burton Conner community.

Sincerely,
Suzy, David F., Janelle, and Jarrod