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ECSU students will also be refunded

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WILLIMANTIC — Students at Eastern Connecticut State University will be getting refunds for unused room and board due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities President Mark Ojakian directed the four Connecticut State Universities, including ECSU, to credit student accounts for unused room and board.

This action will be completed by next week. Thereafter, any credit balance will be refunded to students.

Each institution is currently in the process of reaching out to students to outline the timeline and procedures.

Amounts will vary based on type of housing and other factors, but students who paid room and board fees should expect a credit covering the period beginning with the closure of residence halls through the end of the spring 2020 term.

"This is a complex process, but our universities are working to issue credits and refunds as expeditiously as possible," Ojakian said. "We understand that these housing refunds are important monetary sources for our students as they begin to adjust to a new normal of online learning. I applaud the leaders of our universities for taking this important action."

"The board of regents is committed to ensuring all students have the tools necessary to continue their education during this turbulent time," CSCU Board of Regents Chairman Matt Fleury said.

"By ensuring students and their families quickly receive refunds for unused housing fees, our universities are helping ease the financial burdens caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and ensuing economic downturn."