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## More information on the Duke House closure

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Dear students,

Thank you to all of you who have written to me about the closure of the Duke House, and in particular, the library during an inconvenient time in the semester. I completely understand your concerns about use of the library, and your request for further information on the possibility of extensions of deadlines, the cleaning of the Duke House, etc.

Here is what I can tell you so far.

The Duke House will be thoroughly cleaned after the event. All of those attending will be vaccinated and will have to test negative for Covid prior to entering our building. There is no possibility we will have access to part of the Duke House during the closure.

Re the library: We cannot allow the circulation of books that are non-circulating or of materials that are in course reserves. However, you can scan books during the days before the closure, and make plans to use other libraries, which are also available to you. You can request books now, for pick-up on Monday.

Here is a list of art libraries available without an appointment during the scheduled rental days:

- [Bobst Library](#), NYU Libraries
- [Thomas J. Watson Library](#), Metropolitan Museum of Art
- [Art & Architecture Collection](#), The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs, New York Public Library

Also, library staff will be available remotely at [ifa.library@nyu.edu](mailto:ifa.library@nyu.edu), students can [email me](#) directly for research consultations, and [Ask A Librarian](#) will be available.

Those of you employed for in-person work at the Duke House, and who cannot work remotely or postpone your work, will be paid for the work you would have done during the closure.

I have written to the faculty to ask that they listen to student concerns, and give extensions whenever warranted. We cannot issue a blanket extension, as this is up to individual faculty members and every student's situation is different. However, those faculty members who responded to my recent query said they would give extensions to those who need them. This is to be worked out on an individual basis, as not everyone needs the same extension. Some of you may not need one at all.

Thank you again for your questions.

All the best,

Chris

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