



Office of the President

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Dear Evergreen Community,

After the tragedy that occurred Monday, December 11, in the college's modular housing, which resulted in the death of student Jonathan Rodriguez and the hospitalization of two other students due to carbon monoxide poisoning, we have conducted thorough inspections of all modular housing units utilizing propane for hot water and heating.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to discontinue using mods that provide propane. Our top priorities are the safety and well-being of our students, and we are taking swift and comprehensive measures to address this situation.

Over the break, students living in these affected mods who were planning to remain on campus were relocated to temporary housing off-campus. Before the Winter Quarter begins, all students living in the mods using propane will be moved to either on-campus apartments or a few apartments the college has secured at the nearby Evergreen Gardens complex.

These relocations are being carried out at no cost to the affected students and there will be no fee increases for those moving to apartments on or off-campus. We understand the financial burden that may accompany such unexpected changes and are committed to providing support without imposing additional costs on our students.

We acknowledge and appreciate the patience and understanding demonstrated by our community during this challenging time. Emotions are running high and that is legitimate. We are committed to open communication and transparency throughout this process. The safety and well-being of our students remain our top priority and we are doing everything we can to ensure a smooth transition for those most affected.

Counseling and support services remain available for any students, faculty or staff who need assistance coping with the aftermath of this tragedy. Visit <https://www.evergreen.edu/campustragedy> to learn more.

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