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Notice from the Johns Hopkins University Department of Health, Safety and Environment

This morning the Baltimore City Fire Department Office of the Fire Marshal sent a Fire Inspector to Garland Hall in response to our request for guidance on health and safety matters. The Fire Inspector made the following observations, leading to requirements that we will be adhering to in the interest of safety, effective immediately:

- Areas leading to exit doors must remain clear at all times, including the area between the security desk and the stairs. This area must now remain clear of all belongings and other objects, and no persons can remain standing or sitting there. The areas that must remain clear will be clearly marked by members of our facilities team.
- The area under the stairs must remain clear at all times. The tables and chairs currently stored there will be moved from the area and all other objects must be removed as well.
- Extension cords and surge protectors are being utilized improperly and excessively. Laptops and larger electronics must be plugged directly into the wall and all cords must be removed from walkways, as they are tripping hazards. A power strip may not be plugged into another power strip.
- Maximum daytime occupancy during normal business hours of the Garland Hall lobby is 73, which includes all persons in the lobby at any time. This occupancy limit is based on daytime business activity, and does not change the previous requirement of no more than 35 persons after 6 pm.

We will continue to monitor the situation in Garland Hall to ensure the health and safety of our community. Thank you for your cooperation and compliance with the requirements specified by the Fire Marshal.