To the parents and guardians of first year Yale College students,

My colleagues and I in the Yale College Dean’s Office are looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2023 to campus on Friday, August 23, the official move-in day, and we hope that we will have the chance to say hello to you, too, if you plan to be here then. In the meantime, let me give you some information about move-in.

**Arriving**

Plan to arrive in the morning if you can, between 9:00 a.m. and noon, so that you can participate in the afternoon events, beginning with the Information Fair on Cross Campus, from 12-2 p.m. **Move-in does not begin until 9 a.m., and arriving earlier means that you will have to wait.** If you are unable to arrive in the morning, move-in will continue until 7:00 p.m. Students who will be arriving after 7:00 p.m. should write to or call their residential college dean ahead of time.

**Drop-off and parking**

If you will be traveling by car, please read the [Transportation and Travel directions](#) for instructions on unloading your car and parking. Yale Police officers will be in the area to direct traffic, and representatives from each residential college will meet you at the designated spot to help you unload and carry items. Once you have unloaded your car, move it as quickly as possible so that the next car can unload.

**Keys and identification cards**

Room keys and IDs will be available beginning at 9 a.m., but not before. Students living on the Old Campus may pick up their ID cards and room keys in the center area of Old Campus, in front of Dwight Hall. Students in Timothy Dwight, Benjamin Franklin, Pauli Murray, and Silliman Colleges may pick up their ID cards and room keys in their college courtyard. Parents or guardians of students attending the FOOT program (FOOT students return to campus at noon) may pick up room keys and ID cards beginning at 9 a.m. Students in shared bedrooms should wait until everyone has arrived before choosing beds.

**Immunization Documentation**

All students must upload the required immunization documents via the [Yale’s On-Line Immunization Portal](#) by August 1. For more information visit the [Yale Health site for students](#) or email immunization@yale.edu.
Property insurance

Yale College does not assume responsibility for personal property, and we strongly encourage students to obtain personal property insurance to protect against loss of or damage to their belongings. Yale has arranged for an insurance program for students, and students may also check if their personal belongings are covered through insurance plans carried by their families or caregivers. Please click here for more information.

What to bring

Finally, if you are wondering what to bring (or not to bring) to campus, please review the moving-in section of the first year website.

Events for you

If you will be in New Haven on move-in weekend, I hope that you will come to the events designed especially for parents and guardians. I particularly encourage you to attend the panel discussion about undergraduate education and the residential colleges, the colleges' open houses, the Yale College Opening Assembly, the president's reception, and the complimentary lunches in the residential colleges.

For a listing of the full ten-day calendar of events for the Class of 2023 you may view the calendar for the opening days of college. Also, review the orientation section of the first year website for maps, off-campus dining suggestions for Friday evening and the virtual welcome bag.

Please note that the Yale College Opening Assembly on Saturday morning is held in Woolsey Hall, which is not air-conditioned. No backpacks, luggage or bags larger than 12x12 will be allowed in the hall, and all bags are subject to inspection.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please email first-year.affairs@yale.edu, or call the Yale College Dean's Office, at (203) 436-4876.

With best wishes from New Haven,

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