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COVID-19 Notifications

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Campus Health Update

The welfare and safety of our community is our highest priority. This email shares a recent development related to COVID-19.

Per health care privacy guidelines, the university has a responsibility to protect the identities of affected employees and students.

A non-resident student has reported a positive COVID-19 test result. Appropriate protocols are being followed, contact tracing has taken place, and the individual's physician has notified the local health department.

Note that as of noon, 11/25, most residential students have returned home, in accordance with prior announced plans, to conclude the semester online.

A COVID-19 dashboard with current and cumulative information is posted at www.emu.edu/coronavirus. Note that information is updated at 1 p.m., Monday-Friday.

We will continue to post updates on EMU's COVID-19 webpage and will send updates out via email.

Please note the following reminders as we stay vigilant and prioritize our community health:

- If you are symptomatic for COVID or have been exposed to someone diagnosed or symptomatic with COVID, call EMU's COVID-19 hotline (540) 421-3406 or email healthservices@emu.edu. The hotline is staffed from 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. If your call is not answered because staff are busy, please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message and we will return your call. This is not an emergency line. If you have an emergency, please call 911 or campus security.
- All employees and students should monitor themselves daily for possible symptoms, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and/or respiratory infection/distress, and complete the Symptom Tracker with that information.
- Be vigilant about your health. Practice good hygiene and everyday preventive actions (frequent hand-washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces; avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands; cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing).
- Stay home if you are sick or if other members of your household are ill.

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