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Greetings Parents,

Thank you for your patience as we navigate through a host of decisions related to the surge of COVID-19 cases on campus. Our first priority is to quickly implement protocols and plans that help to mitigate the spread and provide care for all of our students.

The following email was sent to all students from Dean of Students Shannon Dycus a few minutes ago:

Dear Royals,

Whew. It's been quite a week. Thank you for all the ways you are each doing your part to help stop the spread of COVID. This is a hard thing, and these are challenging times - and we will only get through this together. Thank you.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate through a host of decisions related to our current surge of COVID-19 cases. Our first priority has been to quickly implement protocols and plans that help to mitigate the spread and provide care for all of our students. You received information about those initial changes in an email on Monday, Feb. 1.

The following decisions have been made, with guidance from the Virginia Department of Health:

- Classes will continue online through Friday, Feb. 12. With approval by the dean, some lab-based instruction may return to in-person. Students in lab or studio art sections should look for communication from their instructor regarding next week's classes.

- Athletics team practices and competitions are on pause for 14 days, starting from Monday, Feb. 1, through Sunday, Feb. 14.
- Quarantine periods have been extended from 10 days to 14 days. Those of you currently in quarantine have already been informed of these additional days that will provide an extra layer of safety as we mitigate spread. Isolation period (for those who have tested positive) will remain 10 days, as it has been since August. Additional contact tracing is also happening through Virginia Department of Health; please respond to 540 or 804 phone calls.
- We are providing care and support for students in quarantine and isolation spaces on and off campus. In our current situation, Virginia Department of Health is not recommending that EMU send residential students back to their homes and home communities. However, if returning home is the option that best maintains the health and wellbeing of you and your family, please email housing@emu.edu and our Housing and Health Services Staff will help you figure it all out.
- Campus activities have transitioned to all-virtual (as of Monday, Feb. 1) and will continue in that format through Sunday, Feb. 14.

Please continue with practicing the quarantine-in-place expectations that were announced on Monday: limit close contacts, wear your face covering/mask at all times, maintain appropriate distance, prioritize social gatherings that are virtual, and continue good hand-washing hygiene.

The following protocols will be extended through Sunday, Feb. 14:

- All classes will be virtual. Hop on Moodle and get clear instructions about accessing class from your professors.
- All of our in-person activities will be virtual. Check the myEMU calendar for Zoom links. Activities that cannot be engaged virtually will be postponed.
- Meals or beverages from the Royals Den or Common Grounds will be take-out only. Meals from the Caf can be dine-in or take-out. Dining will happen one person per table or carried back to your room. Please do not eat meals in public areas outside the dining hall.
- The Library will be open for use by commuter students only. Residential students needing resources or research assistance should contact library staff at library@emu.edu.
- The Fitness Center will be closed.
- Most students who have work-study jobs will continue to work. As able, your work may shift virtual. Check with your supervisor.

We can do this, Royals.

In care and support for you all,

Shannon Dycus, dean of students

For additional information about quarantining in place, our COVID-19 hotline, and care for students in isolation and quarantine, see the COVID FAQs page:

<https://emu.edu/coronavirus/faq#health>

As always, please be in touch if you have questions or concerns.

Take care, Jennifer

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