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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.

EMU Health Services reports positive test results for nine resident students. These results arrived yesterday evening. Protocols are being followed, contact tracing has taken place, and the health department notified.

A COVID-19 dashboard is posted at www.emu.edu/coronavirus. **Total case counts** and other information on the dashboard is updated at 1 p.m., Monday-Friday.

On Monday, the campus community was informed of implementation of new protocols around classes, athletics, and other campus activities. More information was released yesterday; please continue to check your email for further communication today.

Communications to the campus community and to parents are available on EMU's COVID-19 webpage. We will continue to send updates out via email and post information there.

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 covidhotline@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).

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