

Update on COVID-19

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Greetings campus community. When you left for spring break, COVID-19, more commonly known as coronavirus, hadn't yet made an impact on the East Coast of the United States. That situation has now changed; in fact two major Virginia universities today have announced they will continue the semester, at least, in part, online. There are 28 small private colleges in Virginia, and all of us are making decisions (day-by-day and hour-by-hour) that are in the best interest of our students.

Your health and well-being is our most important concern in the remaining weeks of the semester. I want to keep you apprised of what we're doing to minimize the threat of COVID-19 on our campus.

Many EMU teams across campus are actively working to keep our community healthy. Our vision to "Lead Together" extends even to this situation where we must prepare together. Student Life staff, Health Services staff, faculty, administrators, and many others have been working together to make sure resources are in place to keep you healthy and informed. We have sent emails to the campus community, faculty and the parents of EMU students in the last several days.

Health takes all of us. All educators (faculty, instructors, coaches, student life staff, everyone!) please share the information in this and all communications going forward with each other and stay informed. Our actions will change if new developments warrant.

We are working with the Virginia Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, the Council of Independent Colleges of Virginia (CICV), and the City of Harrisonburg to make sure we have the most up-to-date information and recommendations.

Here are few things to remember:

- Read future emails from the President's Office and the Provost's Office.
- Read the webpage dedicated to updates and FAQs: emu.edu/coronavirus - If you missed past emails, they are on this page as well.
- If you have traveled during spring break - [let us know using this form](#) (Harrisonburg campus) or [this form](#) (Lancaster campus).
- If you plan to travel in the next few months - [let us know using this form](#).
- If you are feeling ill: Harrisonburg students should visit EMU health services, or emergency or critical care facilities in town; all faculty and staff, and Lancaster students should see their primary care provider.

We are dedicated to being a place that creates unifying leaders who are equipped to care for communities in a variety of ways. While it is tempting to give in to fear and paranoia at times like this, I encourage you to work together to create pathways for access to critical information and education. You can lead with us by staying informed and taking precautions about illness.

Help us create a community that stays healthy together.

Blessings to each of you,

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