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Greetings parents of EMU student-athletes,

As of last evening, we received some new information from the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) concerning spring athletics in response to the changing COVID-19 situation. The EMU action was shared with our student-athletes.

EMU has adopted the following action concerning athletic competitions in response to the changing situation surrounding COVID-19:

- Beginning today (March 14), all scheduled spring sports contests are suspended indefinitely.
- In-season sports (men's volleyball, baseball, softball, women's lacrosse, golf and track & field) may conduct optional practices with those who remain on campus or are commuter students in groups not larger than 20.

EMU's statement is released in conjunction with the official stance of the ODAC. Their release announces the following procedures regarding the remainder of the 2019-20 athletic seasons:

- All conference regular season competition is suspended indefinitely beginning Saturday, March 14, 2020.
- The conference will maintain regular communication with its member institutions to monitor the landscape and evaluate its response.
- ODAC leadership will continually review the status of the suspension and adapt as circumstances dictate.

With this information and a confirmed COVID-19 case in Harrisonburg, we anticipate that this may change your student's decision to remain on campus. I want to assure you again that the safety and wellbeing of your child is our first and foremost priority.

As always, we want our students to make decisions about their own health and safety. We will allow students to remain on campus who feel that their health and wellbeing may be better maintained here. For those students who choose to remain on campus, most facilities remain open, including student support services, academic resources, residence and dining facilities, and athletic facilities.

If your student chooses to leave campus, please remind your student to fill out the [form we have created for checking out of the dorms](#).

For further information and updates from EMU, including official campus communications please visit [emu.edu/coronavirus/](http://emu.edu/coronavirus/).

We appreciate your flexibility, patience and care for each other and the community as we continue to manage the details of this unprecedented event on our campus.

Sincerely,

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