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Subject: LANCASTER site re-opening: Phase 2

Dear EMU at Lancaster students and faculty,

The week of March 8, 2021 marks the [Phase 2 Re-Opening](#) of the Lancaster site to students for on-site instruction. Spring semester classes run on various schedules and you should have heard from your program director/faculty regarding the specific timing for your particular class' return to the site.

For the most part, we will follow the same mitigation protocols that were in place in Fall 2020. If you are a new student in 2021 (or a returning student who would benefit from a refresher), please review the attached powerpoint for detailed information regarding our on-site COVID-19 mitigation protocols.

One revision from our fall policies and practices is the shift to requiring face coverings even when socially distancing at individual desks in the classrooms. This change is in direct response to the [November 17, 2020 updated order](#) of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health requiring universal face coverings. Faculty and students are required to wear face coverings while in the classroom and when moving about the building; faculty are encouraged to send students outside for mask-free (socially distanced) breaks as the weather allows. De-densified seating in Classroom 4, the Cafe area, and outdoor picnic tables will be prioritized for student use during lunch/dinner breaks.

Linda Witmer, EMU at Lancaster Health and Safety Coordinator, will be unavailable over the next couple of weeks. However, other staff will be monitoring COVID-19-specific communication for those who need to report symptoms, a positive test result, or close contact exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. If you fall into one of those categories, contact us at:

Email: covid.lancaster@emu.edu

Call or Text: 717-844-1675

If/when the universal masking order is lifted, we will move to Phase 3 of our re-opening plan. Per the EMU at Lancaster Community Commitment, it is our hope that each of you are acting responsibly in your everyday interactions, taking precautions that support the declining spread of COVID-19 in our region as we await broad availability of the vaccine.

Welcome back to Charter Lane!

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