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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.

COVID-19 screening of approximately 340 residential students arriving on campus this past weekend resulted in one positive test.

Note that the number of tests conducted by EMU Health Services has increased in accordance with NCAA COVID-19 testing regimens for athletes involved in all 19 of EMU's teams in competition this semester.

A COVID-19 dashboard with current and cumulative information is posted at www.emu.edu/coronavirus. Note that information is updated at 1 p.m., Monday-Friday.

We will continue to post updates on EMU's COVID-19 webpage and will send updates out via email.

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).
- Stay home if you are sick or if other members of your household are ill.

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