

Spring Phased Re-Opening Plan

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Dear EMU at Lancaster students, faculty, and staff,

I am pleased to announce the phased re-opening of our EMU at Lancaster site. Based on the trajectory of declining COVID-related metrics in our region, we plan to re-open our facility to staff on Tuesday, March 2 and in-person classes will resume beginning Tuesday, March 9.

In Phases 1 and 2, we will retain all mitigation protocols that were in force in the fall term **and** will enhance mitigation protocols related to face-coverings and de-densification of eating areas. If/When COVID transmission metrics return to levels observed in the first half of the fall semester, we will move to Phase 3 protocols that mirror our fall semester practices. See our Spring 2021 Phased Re-Opening Plan for more details. Please note ~ all plans are subject to change, dependent on internal and/or external level of disease spread.

Program directors (BSN and GTE) will communicate directly with faculty and students to confirm in-person class session dates for hybrid courses. All LOM and LOMV weekly class sessions will resume in-person the week of March 8. Faculty or students who have significant health concerns related to returning to the site should communicate those with your individual program directors.

Our staff are very excited to be heading back to work in the building and look forward to welcoming you back in-person. Based on our mitigation success last fall, we are hopeful that we can look forward to an uninterrupted return to onsite activity. This hope rests on the assumption that transmission and hospitalization rates continue to decline in our region and that we continue to be diligent in our efforts to protect one another during this time.

With anticipation,

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