



COVID-19 UPDATES

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Dear EMU at Lancaster faculty,

As you are no doubt aware, the COVID-19 situation in our region is rapidly evolving. This email is an update on a new measure we have decided to take at **EMU at Lancaster**. An email that you may have received previously today was specific to the Harrisonburg campus.

Effective Monday, March 16 and through the end of spring semester (Friday, May 1), all face-to-face classes or class sessions scheduled for the Lancaster site will be facilitated via Zoom. This means that you will need to begin planning immediately to provide a comparable virtual experience to what you had planned for the classroom. Pending specific guidance from our accreditors, please plan to meet for the allotted amount of "seat time" that you would have spent in a face-to-face class session.

Our new Educational Technology Analyst at Lancaster, Michael Shelley, is standing by and ready to support you in this process. In order to ensure a timely response, please reach out to him directly at Michael.shelley@emu.edu rather than using the EMU Help Desk ticket system. You can also expect to hear from your program director regarding any program-specific considerations. Julie Siegfried, Director of Operations, will be in touch with you to assign Zoom Pro Accounts that can accommodate the length of your virtual class meeting time.

While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at EMU at Lancaster or in Lancaster County, we have taken this protective measure in light of our commitment to the common good. We want to do our part to slow the rate of infection and mitigate the spread of this disease in consideration of our students, faculty, and staff, but also to protect the vulnerable in our community and to lessen the potential burden on our civil infrastructures.

At this time, our office remains open. You are welcome to stop by but you can also expect to speak to a live person if you call us and to receive prompt response to email.

Take good care!

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