



student details for Spring semester

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Happy New Year Royals! I am hopeful your break has been restful and healthy. We are excited about our return to classes next week while also holding strong awareness of our increased need for COVID precautions. While some of its' newest impacts are discouraging, individually and collectively we know how to persevere - we have what we need and we know what to do.

Yesterday, [President Huxman emailed the EMU community](#) to highlight some of the ways we will prepare for our return to campus and the start of the Spring semester. We will start classes on Wednesday, January 12 as planned.

Before arriving to campus:

- Please limit your social gatherings in the coming days and be attentive to your own health. We strongly encourage symptomatic students (runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever, fatigue) to get a negative test before arriving on campus.
- We encourage all EMU community members to receive COVID boosters as an additional health measure. Please update your health record by sending a jpeg of your vaccination card to COVID hotline@emu.edu.

COVID protocols for Spring:

- The dining hall and Royals Den will open as normal with continued health protocols. Students are encouraged to consider takeout options, and to follow masking and social distancing protocols whenever eating in the company of others.
- As we remain attentive to the number of cases on campus, we will take caution to provide events and programs in-person, virtual or hybrid.
- We will continue to require masks in all public indoor places on campus, including classrooms.

Residential students arrival/return to campus on January 11:

- A negative antigen test will be required for all residential students in order to move into campus housing.
 - As possible, students should take an antigen test 24 hours prior to returning to campus
 - If the antigen test is positive, call the COVID Hotline (540-421-3406) and plan to stay at home for the isolation time period.
 - If the antigen test is negative, bring a photo of the test result with you to campus so that you can show proof of a negative test.
 - For students who cannot access testing before arrival, rapid antigen testing will be available on January 11, 12pm-5pm. Students living within a 120-mile radius of EMU will be asked to return home if test results are positive.
- See the email from EMU Housing with more details and protocols for your return to Housing for Spring Semester.

Please continue to check emails as we head into next week for updated information that will support the safest start to our semester. The [FAQ webpage](#) has been updated for Spring 2022 - check it out for additional information.

Be well,

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