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## Parent Engagement Office

Dear EMU parents and guardians,

In the midst of fall colors and the changing season, we enter into the seventh week of our fall semester and the fifth week of in-person classes both encouraged and gratified for the ways in which our learning community is TOGETHER.

I think we're all staying outside as long as we can, even as we are masked and staying socially distanced. Students, faculty and staff take meals and meet outside throughout these last warmer days. The students especially are soaking up the autumn sun and views of the Massanutten range: sitting outside in hammock chairs, playing disc golf on the hillside course and studying on the lawn.

Call this a check-in email from us, with no pressing updates, but just some good reminders we wanted to share with you as we enter the mid-point of the semester:

- **DASHBOARD**: Our main hub for COVID-19 information now includes a "dashboard" that shows current cases and a history of COVID-19 cases on campus. You can also view our recent communications there.
- **COVID CASE NOTIFICATION**: EMU sends a notification by email when an active case/s is reported to EMU Health Services. The email includes very basic information about the case/s and the status of the individual (resident or non-resident student or employee). If you'd like to be added to the list to receive these notifications, email [cmpt\\_info@emu.edu](mailto:cmpt_info@emu.edu).

A few other items to share that might be helpful to you as you hear from your student:

- **FLU SHOTS**: Following CDC recommendations, EMU Health Services is hosting several flu shot clinics on campus for students, faculty and staff. Students can

also [call Health Services](#) to schedule an appointment. This is quick and easy, and insurance billing is taken care of by our staff.

- **MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES:** We know our students are working vigilantly to maintain their physical health while supporting their friends and family and keeping up with classes, extracurriculars, work, athletics and other responsibilities. If you're hearing or observing signs of sadness, loneliness, isolation and distraction from your student (or they're sharing about a friend or roommate who is experiencing those signs), encourage them to reach out and talk to a professor, coach, Community Assistant, advisor or anyone they feel most comfortable with. These folks are all tuned into broader channels for supporting your student through challenges. Additionally, our [Counseling Services](#) offers a warm and welcoming place to explore personal and life issues. We know this has been a tough semester, and we must continue to look out for each other. You're very much a part of helping our students be resource-full and care-full, both for themselves and others.
- **EMU RESOURCES THROUGH FINALS:** Although students will not return to campus after Thanksgiving and will finish their last few weeks of class and finals online, know that your student can still connect with all EMU resources. This includes virtual tutoring sessions with our Academic Success Center, counseling sessions and many campus events. Our faculty and staff are ready to help this fall semester end successfully!

And finally, a fall semester and spring semester calendar update:

- **[IMPORTANT FALL SEMESTER DATES](#)**

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Our Thanksgiving break begins at the end of the day. Students move out of residence halls.

Monday, Nov. 30: Classes resume online. Residence halls remain closed

Monday, Dec. 7: Reading Day (no classes)

Tuesday, Dec. 8-Friday, Dec. 11: Final exams

- **SPRING SEMESTER 2021:** [The spring semester calendar is posted.](#) Note that there is no week of spring break, but instead, several "Reading Days" and a longer Easter weekend break during which there are no classes.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to be in touch with me.

Best,

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