

New EMU Testing Protocols for Spring 2021

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Greetings EMU Faculty, Staff and Students,

Here we are in the last week of Fall 2020. The finish line is in sight! On behalf of all the faculty and staff at EMU, we wish our students well as they take final exams and prepare to end the semester strong!

I want to share with you some important decisions, including those related to testing, that we have made for Spring 2021:

- I ask everyone to please inform the COVID Hotline (**540-421-3406** or covidhotline@emu.edu) if you test positive for COVID.
- Move-in for residential students will be **January 15-17** with testing upon arrival using rapid antigen tests. The tests completed upon arrival will be organized by EMU Health Services and administered by health care professionals. These tests will be free.
- We will continue to monitor additional testing protocol and testing resources for other members of the EMU community based on the status of COVID-19 in our area and recommendations from state and health officials.
- We are looking forward to competing in all of our varsity sports in the spring. In compliance with recommendations from the NCAA, we will do additional testing for our student-athletes and our athletic staff.
- Our spring semester academic calendar has been updated, starting **January 18** with MLK Day programming.
- To limit unsafe travel, spring break has been replaced with multiple 'pause days' to maintain on-campus opportunities for rest. [View the calendar here.](#)

I encourage you to visit our [COVID FAQs](#) as the source for new and updated information during the break. We are planning virtual Town Halls in January for students, parents and employees to highlight important protocols for return.

May you all find restorative ways to experience the beautiful season of Advent amidst this brutal season of illness. At EMU, even amidst the challenges of living socially distanced lives, some things do not change; we celebrate the grand expectancy of God's arrival in the person of Jesus.

Blessings to each of you this Christmas!

Warmly,

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