

Dear EMU Parents,

We share your concern at the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation. While there are no confirmed cases within the EMU community, public health experts have encouraged more stringent preventive measures.

Eastern Mennonite University has developed the following plan to better protect students, employees, visitors and the greater community. A brief summary of our actions includes:

- EMU will cancel all public events and public access to activities on campus through April 3.
- EMU will require essential guests to campus to sign in before entering campus buildings through April 3.
- EMU classes are cancelled Friday, March 13, and Monday, March 16, in preparation for online instructional delivery.
- EMU will move to online instruction Tuesday of next week through April 3. Some courses, including clinicals and off-campus learning placements, will continue until further notice.
- At this time we do not encourage EMU students to move out of the residence halls, except for those who are immunocompromised or have other reasons for needing to return home. The campus will remain open and operational.
- Students who choose to return home are required to notify Residence Life staff.

EMU is a residential campus and at this time will remain open, including all student support services, academic resources, residence and dining facilities, and athletic facilities.

Our rationale for keeping residence halls open and campus facilities operational is directly related to public health and safety, as well as concern for our students' educational experience. Even with altered schedules and more online instruction to minimize transmission, we believe there is value in students being in an environment with the resources to support learning.

[More information is available here.](#)

Sincerely,

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