
IMPORTANT: Adjusted move-in for residential students and updated start plan for Harrisonburg campus

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Dear EMU Faculty and Staff,

We are saddened to report that just moments ago we made the difficult decision to delay our move-in plans based on some recently developing health information. We regret the timing of this notification, as you are preparing to welcome students to campus and to your classrooms.

This information will shortly be shared with students and parents. You will receive this message as well.

Earlier today four student leaders tested positive for COVID-19. All are asymptomatic. All other student leaders and Residence Life staff who were in sustained contact with them are now in quarantine. We have since learned from our contact tracing that there is a wider group of Student Life staff personnel that we need to quarantine out of an abundance of caution.

All undergraduate classes will begin online on Tuesday, August 25. Residential students can move to campus September 3-6. Students who have already arrived will be accommodated for on-campus housing and dining services. Students who are en route are strongly encouraged to return home. We understand that in some cases that is not possible and we will work to accommodate these cases. Graduate courses scheduled to meet on campus will continue as planned.

We regret the move-in delay and we especially regret the timing of this notification. It is a major disruption.

We know that you have all been working hard to prepare for students on campus and may be feeling deep grief but we know that this is the right decision for the health and safety of our community. Through all of this, we continue to Lead Together.

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