



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

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Parent Engagement Office

Dear EMU Parents and Caregivers,

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, since we know many of you have been actively preparing for students to return to on-campus residence and learning.

The entirety of this email sent to your student is below.

If you have additional questions or comments concerning the message below, please respond to this email. The Parent Engagement Team will get back in touch with you.

Greetings EMU Students,

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.

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.

We simply cannot in good faith open our residence halls with this many staff and student leaders impacted.

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 enroute 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.

Student Life will be in touch with you about new move-in procedures. Additional communication will be coming from EMU leadership in the days to come. Please continue to check your email regularly.

We regret the move-in delay and we especially regret the timing of this notification. It is a major disruption. We understand if you feel deeply frustrated. However, it is the right call for your safety and education. Thank you for your patience and your prayers.

Through all of this, we continue to Lead Together. Faculty and staff have been preparing all week for re-engagement with you inside and outside the classroom. That does not change.

Sincerely,

Susan Schultz Huxman, President

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