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**Subject:** Message to Campus from President Marcia G. Welsh, Ph.D. - Friday, March 13, 2020

Warriors,

As you know, East Stroudsburg University has delayed the return of students to campus after spring break. In accordance with directions provided by Governor Tom Wolf and Chancellor Dan Greenstein, we are announcing that all classes will be taught remotely for the week of Monday, March 23 through Sunday, March 29 in order to limit social interactions as a precautionary measure in light of the ever-changing updates regarding COVID-19. Under the direction of Chancellor Greenstein, there will be no in-person instruction at any of the State System Universities during this time. It is important to note that students **currently enrolled in online courses** will continue with those courses as of March 16. Know that during this time our campus will not be closed. Faculty and staff will be on campus working to ensure your educational and safety needs are met.

Students and faculty are urged to continue to check their email for updates from the university. Students should also check their D2L regularly for coursework from their professors. If you have specific questions about a class please reach out to faculty via email, phone, and D2L. Faculty can also check the [Provost's webpage](#) for updates.

Students needing to retrieve mail or packages from your residence hall may do so when retrieving educational materials and other necessary belongings. At this time please consider working with USPS to pause personal mail delivery, or redirecting mail to your home address. Otherwise, we will hold mail in your residence hall until you return to campus.

Given the uncertainty of the situation, students should plan to collect any essential materials needed from their on campus residence such as books, coursework, computers, and anything else they may need for a long-term absence from campus. It is important to keep in mind the unknown and evolving circumstances and understand that we don't know long term what will happen. At this time, there is no need to move out of the residence halls. The residence halls will be open on Sunday, March 15 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. for students who need to collect belongings from the residential space. Students unable to return to ESU on Sunday may contact Residential & Dining Services during business hours (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) at (570) 422-3460 to make other arrangements. For after-hour support, please email [housinganddining@esu.edu](mailto:housinganddining@esu.edu) and a representative will contact you the next business day.

To date, there are no cases of COVID-19 on our campus. For additional updates, visit ESU's COVID-19 webpages at [esu.edu/coronavirus](https://esu.edu/coronavirus). A hotline has been established to answer questions students and their families may have at 570-422-5555. The hotline will be available weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Please continue to check your email regularly for updated messages regarding your return to campus. Also watch for information from faculty regarding your classes.

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