

**From:** Official ESU Email

**Sent:** Friday, January 7, 2022

**Subject:** Important Message from Interim President Long outlining plans for Spring 2022 semester

Warriors,

Happy New Year to all! I hope that you've enjoyed time away from campus, relaxing and spending time with loved ones. Despite the good feelings that surround us during the holidays, there have also been a number of concerns and updates with regard to the COVID pandemic, particularly the uptick in cases across the country and, most specifically here in Monroe County, as the Delta and Omicron variants persist. Please know that we constantly monitor the spread of the virus and are in regular communication with regional health care professionals to make the best decisions regarding potential impact of the virus on the campus community. The safety of our students, faculty, staff and community members remains a top priority.

After significant discussion and consultation, East Stroudsburg University will maintain the scheduled start of the Spring 2022 semester on January 18, 2022, bringing students back to campus during move-in weekend (Saturday, January 15 – Monday, January 17) and beginning mostly face-to-face classes on Tuesday, January 18, as previously scheduled. Specific directives for residential students with regard to move-in will be shared soon in a message from Dr. Solis, vice president of campus life and inclusive excellence. Meanwhile, the following directives and requirements will apply to all members of ESU's campus community – students, faculty and staff as we begin the Spring 2022 semester. Please read through this document carefully and if you have any questions or concerns, reach out to [covidresults@esu.edu](mailto:covidresults@esu.edu) prior to your return to ESU.

- **VACCINATIONS:** We strongly support the [CDC recommendations](#) that you consider getting fully vaccinated to avoid hospitalization and/or serious illness. We also suggest that you consult your personal medical care team for more information or to answer your questions.
- **MASKS** - We will continue to require **mask-wearing in all campus buildings regardless of vaccination status**. The CDC also recommends that “ ... everyone consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who may not be fully vaccinated.”
- **CLASSES** – All classes will be offered in their scheduled modalities, unless otherwise determined by the College Dean in consultation with the Provost. As stated previously, we will continue to constantly monitor the status of COVID cases within the campus and local communities and will advise the campus of any modifications to teaching modalities, if warranted.
- **TESTING FOR FACULTY AND STAFF** – Scheduled PCR testing will be made available to faculty and staff members on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Test results will be emailed directly to the individual in approximately 48 hours, using the e-mail that is provided upon scheduling. To schedule a timeslot to be tested, please go to the link [here](#) or copy and paste using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/esucovidtesting>.

- **ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE** - We will follow the most current [isolation and quarantine recommendations from the CDC](#) for those who test positive for COVID or have been exposed to the virus.

These actions are designed to help keep the ESU campus safe from the spread of the COVID-19 virus, but will only be effective if we all do our part. Please continue to take all necessary precautions to stay safe and protect yourself and loved ones. With your help and cooperation, I know we can have a strong and healthy start to 2022 and the continuance of your time at ESU.

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