

From: List Server of ESU Campus-Community List
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East Stroudsburg University has been monitoring the development and impact of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) on our campus and around the world. Due to this unprecedented time, we are delaying the return of students to campus after spring break until Monday, March 23 as a precautionary measure in light of the ever-changing updates regarding COVID-19. Know that during this week our campus will not be closed. Faculty and staff will be on campus working to ensure your educational and safety needs are met. We intend to provide our faculty trainings while giving them time to convert face-to-face courses to distance education in the event that remote delivery of classes will be required in the week/weeks to follow.

Our residence halls will remain open to house a limited number of students including student-athletes, international students, and those who live on campus and are actively engaged in student teaching. No other students will be allowed to reside on campus during this week although students who need items from their residence hall rooms can make arrangements to do so (See FAQ info on the COVID-19 webpage). There will be a limited menu provided in the dining facilities for those students on campus as well as the faculty and staff.

To date, there are no cases of COVID-19 on our campus. Our plan to delay the return of students from spring break through March 22 is intended to keep our students safe at home while preparing for what may be necessary in the upcoming weeks. It is important to note that students **currently enrolled in online courses** will continue with those courses as of March 16.

For additional updates, visit ESU's COVID-19 webpages at esu.edu/health-and-wellness/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. beginning Thursday, March 12.

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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