

From: Official ESU Email

Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021

Subject: Message to the ESU Campus Community Regarding Expectations Associated with COVID-19 Monitoring, Testing

Warriors,

As we begin our spring 2021 semester, ESU is providing COVID -19 testing and monitoring services at NO COST to students, faculty and staff.

ESU students, faculty and staff who are engaged in face-to-face university experiences on campus, including meetings, classes, labs, studios, clinicals, campus housing, dining, library, athletics, recreational facilities, etc. will be tested for COVID-19 on campus through our University and State System testing provider and will use the daily HealthCheck software provided by Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. In addition, students participating in internships and clinicals off campus will use the HealthCheck software on a daily basis as well to be regularly tested for COVID-19. There is no cost to students or employees for either the on-campus COVID-19 testing or the daily monitoring.

All enrolled students, faculty and staff have received notification from HealthCheck (separate emails dated December 30, January 5 and January 6). By submitting your responses daily through the software, you will be advised if you are cleared to come to campus by receiving a “pass” or badge. You may be required to show this badge in order to enter select areas of campus. It is convenient to use your smart phone to “carry” or show the badge. Please know that specific personal medical data will not be collected, stored or shared with anyone beyond the medical teams working to help us keep ESU safe.

These health and safety measures are being established to supplement the existing ESU protocol of social distancing, masking, frequent hand washing/hygiene, and sanitizing of campus spaces.

COVID-19 testing arrangements are being finalized and you will hear shortly about the procedures for testing on campus. Students residing on campus will be the first to be tested, followed students participating in clinical assignments, student teaching, athletics, face-to-face courses and other university programs. Employees will be notified about testing as soon as the student testing process is finalized.

Members of the campus community also have been inquiring about the availability or distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations through the University. At this time, the State System is investigating the possibility and feasibility of providing access to members of the University community but no definitive information is yet available. We have been working closely with the State System, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the development of a vaccination plan for ESU. We are still in the preliminary stages of development but hope to have more detailed information as we begin the start of the Spring 2021 semester. We will be sure to share updates as soon as the University is informed.

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