

From: Official ESU Email

Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Subject: A Message to ESU's Campus Community About Fall 2021 from Interim President Kenneth Long - March 9, 2021

Warriors,

I'm reaching out to you today with some great news. East Stroudsburg University is moving forward with plans to safely have all students, faculty and staff on campus for the Fall 2021 Semester. The majority of your classes will be face-to-face, all designated residence halls will open, and you will return to a college life experience that many have been missing. We are so excited to have everyone back!

You should be receiving information soon about course registration for Fall 2021, which begins on April 5. ESU's plan for Fall 2021 is to have the majority of classes be face-to-face through both traditional face-to-face, where classrooms can accommodate social distancing protocols, and hybrid delivery. Hybrid instruction is a combination of face-to-face classroom learning and online learning in which students are expected to attend synchronous instruction in-person alternating with online/virtual attendance.

We also recognize that this past year has heightened the financial hardships for many of our students and their families. Our financial aid team is ready and available to help you with the fiscal challenges you face. As you make preparations to register for Fall classes, consider taking time to make an appointment with a financial aid representative to ensure you're ready.

For those who plan to live on campus, housing applications are now being accepted and room selection will begin on April 19 for those who have registered for classes and completed the application. While we are excited about having everyone back on-campus in the Fall, it comes with responsibilities, particularly with regard to health and safety amidst the COVID pandemic. Until we are instructed otherwise, we will all be required to follow CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health COVID-19 guidelines. This may likely continue to include: wearing masks, socially distancing, sanitizing surfaces, frequent washing hands and regular COVID testing.

I want to take this time to acknowledge the many COVID planning teams, especially: the Academic Continuity Team (ACT); the Facility Operations Team; Amy Freeman, director of ESU's Health and Wellness Center; Colleen Shotwell, coordinator of Athletic Training Services; and Nate Black, director of Environmental Health and Safety. During the past 10 months, these teams and individuals have dedicated many hours and substantial attention to keeping our campus community safe and to prepare us for Fall 2021 and the ability to bring everyone back to campus.

In closing, I want to personally thank you for weathering the difficult times of the COVID-pandemic with us. Entrusting us with your academic experience is significant. We will continue to execute our plans for the 2021-2022 academic year and look forward to having you with us. To follow are links to some of the important information I shared in this message to help you begin to plan for Fall 2021.

Important Contact Information:

[Registration for Fall 2021](#) – Starts April 5

[Housing Application/Room Selection](#) – Starts April 19

[Financial Aid Information](#)
[Student Portal Login](#)

I look forward to seeing you soon. In the meantime stay safe.

Kenneth Long
Interim President

East Stroudsburg University
200 Prospect Street
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301