

**From:** Official ESU Email

**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020

**Subject:** Message to ESU students about in-person activities after Thanksgiving break from Interim President Kenneth Long - November 20, 2020

Warriors,

In light of the continuing rise of COVID-19 cases across the Commonwealth and in consideration of the new recommendations issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDOH) for colleges and universities, effective Monday, November 30, 2020:

- All academic face-to-face classes will be conducted remotely.
- Fall semester final exams will be offered remotely.
- All Intercollegiate Athletic programs and conditioning are suspended.

These changes are in-effect through the end of the Fall 2020 semester.

Please continue to keep in close contact with your professors. For those students who are involved in clinicals, internships or other experiential learning activities, you may continue those experiences if the sites remain open and you have communicated with your faculty supervisor. As of next Wednesday, November 25, 2020, student teachers will have completed required field experience hours and will continue to work remotely through the end of semester with their faculty supervisors and the Office of Field Experience. These decisions have been made in the best interest and safety of everyone within our campus community and the community-at-large.

We invite those students who are currently living on campus to stay in their residential rooms during the Thanksgiving break and beyond. Dining services will be available for the remainder of the fall semester for those who utilize those amenities. However, please note that dining services will be closed from Wednesday, November 25 through Saturday, November 28, resuming their normal operations on Sunday, November 29 at 10:00 am. For campus residents wishing to stay home after Thanksgiving, we suggest taking all belongings when you leave for the holiday. PDOH is recommending that only one parent come to campus to pick up a student if necessary/possible and ask that parents restrict movement around campus. There will be no housing reimbursement for those who opt to move out/home before the end of the semester. If you are not returning after the holiday, please look out for information from Residential and Dining Services regarding the move-out process.

As recommended by PDOH, students opting to return home for the Thanksgiving holiday are encouraged to have a COVID-19 test taken before leaving the campus community to ensure that they are not bringing the virus back to their loved ones. Testing may be arranged for students today, Friday, November 20, or Monday, November 23 by contacting Dr. Amy Freeman, director of ESU's Health and Wellness Center at [afreeman11@esu.edu](mailto:afreeman11@esu.edu).

Please enjoy your time with family, remember to adhere to CDC and PDOH recommendations including wearing your mask any time you are outside, going to class, dining, and even when social distancing is possible.

Stay Safe and WARRIOR Strong,

**Kenneth Long**  
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