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COVID-19 campus update, July 8, 2021

Eastern Michigan University

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The following excerpt from President Smith's July 8, 2021 message to campus pertains to the University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the 4th of July holiday and the long weekend. It is great to see people out and about and the return of many of the outdoor activities that we missed last summer due to the pandemic.

It is clear that vaccinations have made a remarkable difference in slowing the spread of COVID-19 and in helping us return to a more normal day-to-day lifestyle. Our families are safer. Our friends are safer. Our communities are safer.

While this is great news, I can't stress enough how important it is for everyone to work together to encourage more people to get vaccinated. That's why I was pleased to see the launch of Michigan's new [MI Shot To Win Sweepstakes](#).

- Michigan residents who are 18 and older who have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by this Saturday, July 10 are eligible to win \$1 million.
- Individuals 18 and over who receive at least one dose of vaccine by July 30 are eligible to win \$2 million.
- People 18 and over are also eligible to win daily drawings of \$50,000.
- And, younger people between 12-17 years of age who have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by July 30 are eligible to win Michigan Education Trust scholarships.

It is my sincere hope that these incentives encourage more people to get vaccinated and help continue the efforts to put this deadly disease behind us. As communicated to campus last week, the [University has ended many of our COVID-19 mandates](#) in alignment with state and federal guidance.

We will offer a number of vaccination clinics, as well as other initiatives to encourage vaccinations, as the fall semester begins. We will have more to share in the weeks ahead.

For the fifth consecutive week, we have had no reported positive cases among our campus community. We continue to monitor and track cases on the University's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#). The outcomes of the last five weeks reflect the University's overall #EMUSafe efforts (since the start of the pandemic) that have resulted in a very low number of cases compared to our peers.

We continue to offer free COVID-19 testing in the Student Center, which will continue through the summer and fall semesters. The center is closed this week for the holiday break and will reopen next week. Please visit the [testing center website](#) for days and hours of operation.

I'd like to thank this opportunity to thank our entire community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and supporters for the ongoing vigilance to keep one another safe.

Go to the [President's website to read the full message](#), which includes information about the CAS Detroit Theme year, the YpsiWrites walking tour, the Swoop's Pantry schedule and more.