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COVID-19 campus update, July 23, 2021

Eastern Michigan University

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The following excerpt from President Smith's July 23, 2021 message to campus pertains to the University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

While our faculty members, student affairs and facilities teams busily plan for our in-person fall semester, we continue to keep an ever vigilant eye on COVID-19, the Delta variant, hospitalizations, and vaccination rates. As you know, the Delta variant, which is particularly dangerous and highly transmissible, is now considered the most common COVID-19 infection.

It is critical to note that most people who are currently falling ill to COVID-19 have not been vaccinated. Just yesterday, published statistics indicated that 99% of current COVID-19 deaths are among people who are not vaccinated. I join with medical experts across the state and nation who strongly encourage vaccinations for everyone who is eligible and can receive a vaccine.

We continue to work closely with the Washtenaw County Health Department to provide vaccination opportunities on campus for our students, faculty and staff. In the coming weeks, you can look for pop-up vaccination clinics on campus and a concerted effort to promote the importance of getting vaccinated.

Since the start of the pandemic, the number of COVID-19 cases at Eastern has been among the lowest among Michigan's public universities, and we aim to keep it that way. But we can only do that with your help and continued support. I thank you for your efforts to date, but I want to make it clear that this crisis is not over yet. We have more work to do to as we continue to inform members of our community about the safety of vaccinations and the protection they provide.

Here is a link to current [vaccination clinic sites in Washtenaw County](#).

Michigan's [MI Shot To Win Sweepstakes](#) is an added incentive to get vaccinated. A daily \$50,000 giveaway and a \$2 million drawing remain available for people who are vaccinated by July 30. And, 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.

For the sixth consecutive week, we have no reported positive cases among members of our campus community. We continue to monitor and track cases on the University's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

We continue to offer free COVID-19 testing in the Student Center, which will continue through the summer and fall semesters. As was noted in a message to campus last

week, masks are required at the testing center. Please visit the [testing center website](#) for days and hours of operation.

[Read the full message to the campus community](#), which includes news of a \$1.86 million grant and another high military friendly ranking for the University.