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COVID-19 Campus Update, November 22, 2021

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To the Eastern Michigan University community,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday and a much deserved abbreviated week, it is an appropriate time to reflect on all for which we have to be thankful.

I am especially thankful for our students, faculty, staff, alumni and community partners who make Eastern Michigan University a distinctly supportive and transformative institution. It is truly a University that, as an institution of opportunity, changes lives and is a place where our differences are embraced.

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate traditions old and new. However, let's remember that the pandemic is still with us and protective measures remain important. As we prepare to gather with our loved ones and friends this Thanksgiving, please keep the following reminders top of mind to ensure everyone returns to a safe campus.

The CDC recommends the following guidelines for safe holiday gatherings:

- Protect those who have not received the vaccine by getting yourself vaccinated. You may also consider getting a booster shot before gathering with your friends and family. Please visit the University's [vaccination information website](#) for information about where to obtain a vaccine. Don't forget to [certify your vaccination status](#).
 - Wear well-fitting masks in public indoor settings.
- o Even if you're fully vaccinated, you should wear a mask in public indoor settings in communities with substantial to high transmission.
 - o Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated spaces.

- o If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering.
- o Get tested if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19.
 - If you are not fully vaccinated and must [travel](#), follow CDC's [domestic travel](#) or [international travel](#) recommendations for unvaccinated people.
 - Everyone, even people who are fully vaccinated, is [required to wear a mask](#) on public transportation and follow [international travel recommendations](#).

Once you return to campus: Upon returning from Thanksgiving recess, we urge members of the Eastern community to receive a free COVID-19 test at the Student Center. The hours of operation can be found on the [testing center website](#). Frequent testing is encouraged. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Get the flu shot: Health experts are warning we could see a "twindemic" of COVID-19 and flu this coming winter. Watch your email for important information about upcoming pop-up flu shot clinics on campus.

By working together, we can enjoy a safer holiday and protect our health, as well as the health of our loved ones. Let's do our part in keeping our EMU community safe!

[Read the rest of the campus message](#), which includes information on Swoop's Food Pantry, Sexual Assault Prevention Training, and RAVE campus closing alerts.