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COVID-19 Campus Update, December 16, 2021

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The following excerpt from President Smith's Dec. 16, 2021 message to campus pertains to the University's response to the pandemic.

COVID-19 Mitigation

During this holiday season, please remember that the pandemic is still with us and protective measures remain important. As we prepare to gather with our loved ones and friends, 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.
- If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering.
- 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 in January, 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 as symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Students living in on-campus housing have been notified of the requirement to provide documentation of a negative test result prior to move-in.

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.