

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 7
DATE: February 18, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Student Affairs Committee agenda for February 18, 2021 and the minutes of December 9, 2020 be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

The February 18, 2021 agenda includes a Student Government presentation and a Campus COVID-19 Management presentation.

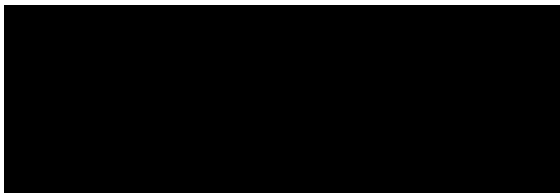
In addition, several announcements will be made.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.



University Executive Officer
Rhonda Longworth, Ph.D.

January 27, 2021

Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
Student Affairs Committee

February 18, 2021

AGENDA

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| 1. Approval of agenda and December 9, 2020 minutes | Regent Beagen |
| 2. Student Government Presentation | Luis Romero &
Colton Ray |
| 3. Campus COVID-19 Management | Sherry Bumpus,
Gretchen Buskirk,
Ellen Gold,
Gretchen Sanchez,
Cathy Steiner,
& Jeanette Zalba |
| 4. Announcements | |

Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
Student Affairs Committee
Virtual meeting
Minutes of December 9, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Regents: Dennis Beagen, Alexander Simpson

Administration: Steven Bryant, Ellen Gold, Lucas Langdon, Provost Rhonda Longworth, Calvin Phillips

Students: Najd Al Jarba, Grason Dixon, Bhrett Dwyer, Parker Nolan, Aria Ottenbreit, Luis Romero, Thomas Stanley

GUESTS

Administration: Jessica (Decky) Alexander, Regent Rich Baird, Kendal Brown, Doris Fields, Julie Harkema, Caroline Horste, Regent Eunice Jeffries, Rocky Jenkins, Calvin McFarland, Nicholas, Pomante, Sue Proctor, Vicki Reaume, President James Smith, Regent James Webb, Ron Woody

Students: Heidi Bechtel, Colton Ray, Joelle Summers

Regent Beagen called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm. The agenda for the meeting, and the minutes from the meeting held on February 13, 2020 were approved.

Introduction of 2020-21 Student Leader Group members

Student Leader Group members introduced themselves, stated their hometown, year at EMU, major, area/organization that they represent on the committee, and shared an issue that is important to them and the students they are representing.

Student Government Presentation

Luis Romero, Student Government President, and Colton Ray, Student Government Vice-President, introduced themselves and shared a few of the priorities that Student Government will focus on this year. President Romero stated that he has a story similar to many EMU students, which is the reason that he was interested in becoming the Student Government president. Vice-President Ray shared that he had a desire to be involved on campus when he came to EMU.

President Romero shared that the Student Government elections were delayed until October 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A full Executive Board is now in place and Student Government is working on several key initiatives. Some of these initiatives include focusing on expanding and supporting the Student Emergency Fund, focusing on student health and well-being, improving student retention, protecting students' rights and interests, and spending time lobbying in Lansing for

greater funding for higher education. Student Government donated \$20,000 from the Student Government reserve account to the Student Emergency Fund. They also partnered with the AAUP, and each group matched up to \$20,000 in donations to the fund. Student Government would like to see the allowable balance on student accounts increased to \$1,000, which would allow more students to register for classes and remain enrolled. Students would then have the next semester to pay down this balance.

Other points of interest and concern include the prioritization of athletics over academics; student retention rates; housing and food insecurity; access to healthcare and affordable housing; Public Private Partnerships of parking, dining and housing; and racial, economic and gender inequality. Time will be spent looking into all of these topics.

New Student Orientation & Transition Programming Presentation

Kendal Brown, Coordinator of New Student Orientation and Transition Programs, shared a presentation about 2020 New Student Orientation. Traditionally, students planning to attend Eastern Michigan University in the fall would come to campus for Fast Track, a one day event. During Fast Track, they would meet with an advisor to select classes, and participate in several informational programs. When the pandemic began in March 2020, all Fast Track programs were moved to an online format. Students indicated that they enjoyed this format because it was informative and convenient. Feedback from participants will be used to improve future orientations.

First Three is normally a weekend of programming, which takes place when freshmen move into the residence halls. This year, First Three consisted of three weeks of virtual programming, with one or two programs planned for each day. Social media was used to reach as many students as possible. Programs included a Social Media Scavenger Hunt, a Student Success Webinar, a Wellness Fair, Drop-in Advising, and two Keynote Speaker sessions. 500-600 students attended each of the large group programs, and 50-60 students attended the smaller group programs. Participation dropped toward the end of the third week, so future virtual Orientations will be planned for a shorter time period. Fast Track and First Three are being rebranded to become EMU Orientation and EMU Connect.

Provost Longworth asked if it was difficult to transition to virtual orientation. Kendal replied that staff were energized by the opportunity to be creative and innovative. Students were the backbone of the virtual orientation.

Regent Beagen asked how many students participated in the virtual orientation. Kendal stated that there were 1,800 registered for orientation, and most of them participated in parts of the program.

Points-Based Programming Model Presentation

Nicholas Pomante, Coordinator of the Wellness Center, and Caroline Horste, Coordinator of Activities and Engagement, shared a presentation about the new Points-Based Programming Model. Due to COVID-19, the type of programming offered, and the way that programming was put in front of students, had to change. More than 60% of students stated that they learned about programs being offered from posters and flyers on campus. As staff began to look for new ways to provide programming for students, they realized that if they were strategic, the solutions they implemented would make things more efficient.

Nicholas stated that they began looking for a virtual platform that could be used for programming. They learned that the EMU Engage app provided what they were looking for. It is a centralized place to promote campus programs, and incentivizes student engagement by allowing students to earn and redeem points for participation. Campus programmers can complete a form with information about the program being offered and it is entered into the app. This format allows staff to focus on specific student needs.

Caroline explained that students can subscribe to the “What’s Happening at EMU?” tile in the app, and they will receive push notifications about programs and events. The QR code gives staff the ability to track data.

Nicholas shared that the app incentivizes repeat student engagement with the point system, offers virtual communication amidst a virtual environment, and gives programmers the opportunity to engage distance learners and commuters.

Caroline added that the app allows for a comprehensive view of campus-wide programs, enhanced cross-campus collaborations, enhanced ability to assess and evaluate programs due to the ease of attendance tracking, and increased opportunities for reflection-based learning.

Regent Beagen asked how many students have been participating. Caroline replied that they have been pleased with participation. While fewer students are participating in the virtual programs than in-person programs, those who do show up seem to enjoy the format and value the opportunity. Nicholas added that all incoming classes will be onboarded to this program.

Lucas Langdon, Director of Campus Life, thanked Caroline, Kendal and Nicholas for the work that has gone into these programs. He complimented their ability to pivot and build some important structures for the future. Regent Beagen stated that he agreed with these comments.

Update on Campus Services During COVID-19 Presentation

Provost Rhonda Longworth introduced the Update on Campus Services during COVID-19 presentation. She pointed out that the programs discussed in this presentation show how EMU departments were able to support each other, as well as how they contributed to the community.

Joelle Summers, a graduate assistant working with Swoops Food Pantry, shared some information about the pantry, which is celebrating the 5th anniversary this year. From September 1 – November 20, 2020, there were 636 student visits to the pantry. 18,711 pounds of food was distributed during these visits. There were an average of 22 daily visits to the pantry for each day the pantry was open in November. One in three students experience food insecurity to some degree.

Joelle stated that they spend \$5,000 per month on food and expenses. Staff and volunteers would like to continue conversations about expanding the pantry. Joelle introduced Heidi Bechtel, who is the incoming graduate assistant.

Regent Webb asked where the funding for the pantry comes from. Joelle replied that they work with Food Gatherers, and have an expendable fund at the EMU Foundation. Regent Beagen pointed out

that Regent Webb has been a strong advocate for the pantry. Regent Baird agreed, and added that Regent Webb is very persuasive about getting others to support the pantry.

Doris Fields, Director of Undergraduate Studies and the Student Emergency Fund Award Committee Chair, shared some details about the emergency fund. The maximum award from the fund is \$750. More than 300 awards have been granted since February 2020. Requests for rent/housing are the largest category. Dr. Fields expressed thanks to EMU Student Government and the Game Above Students Matter Initiative for their support of the fund.

Regent Webb asked what the annual budget of the fund is. Dr. Fields replied that it depends on the donations. She added that they have given out over \$200,000 to students. Regent Beagen asked if any requests have been denied. Dr. Fields stated that sometimes applications are submitted without documentation. When this occurs, they reach out to the student for more information. Some of the students don't follow through on the request for more information. She added that all financial aid must be exhausted before an award from the fund is made.

Jessica (Decky) Alexander, Director of Academic Engagement Programs and a Professor in CMTA, shared some of the work that Engage@EMU has been doing. Many of the programs overseen by Engage@EMU are focused outside of EMU. Staff from Engage@EMU is overseeing campus COVID-19 testing programs, check-in tables for campus buildings, and the EMU Student Ambassadors program. They have worked with more than 100 volunteers to create PPE, some of which has been donated to St. Joseph's Hospital. Over 8,000 face coverings have been made and donated. Funds to support these initiatives were received from GameAbove and the City of Ypsilanti.

They have also worked with YPSI LIVE to expand community internet access, written thank you notes to health care professionals, and participated in the Family Empowerment Project.

Regent Beagen complimented all of the staff in Student Affairs and Student Services, and stated that they have been doing amazing things.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Rich
Student Affairs Committee Recording Secretary



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EMU Student Government Presentation

Student Body President Luis Romero
Student Body Vice President Colton Ray

February 18, 2021

Accomplishments

- December-Student Emergency Fund efforts
 - Over \$87,000 raised in total
- January-Student Government Award
 - \$50,000 in aid dedicated to keeping students enrolled at EMU
- Donating and Volunteering in the Southeast Michigan Community
 - WCO
 - MANY
 - Daytime Warming Center
- MLK Week Participation

Looking Forward

- Free Bus Passes
- Mental Health Funding
- Covid-19 Related Support for Most-Affected Students
- Women of Color Feminisms and Leadership Symposium
- Engagement with Local, State, and Federal Government
- April Awareness Month and Increased Student Body Engagement



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Campus COVID-19 Management

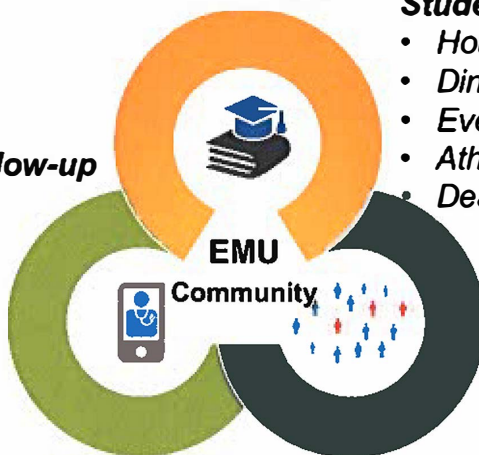
COVID-19 Campus Management Team

- **Ellen Gold**
Dean of Students
- **Jeanette Zalba**
Director, Housing & Residence Life
- **Gretchen Sanchez**
Director of Operations, **E**Dining
- **Cathy Steiner**
Event Coordinator, Conference & Events Services
- **Meg Castro**
Interim Director, Conference & Event Services
- **Gretchen Buskirk**
Associate Athletic Director, Sports Medicine
- **Sherry Bumpus**
Director of Nursing Operations

COVID-19 Campus Management Plan

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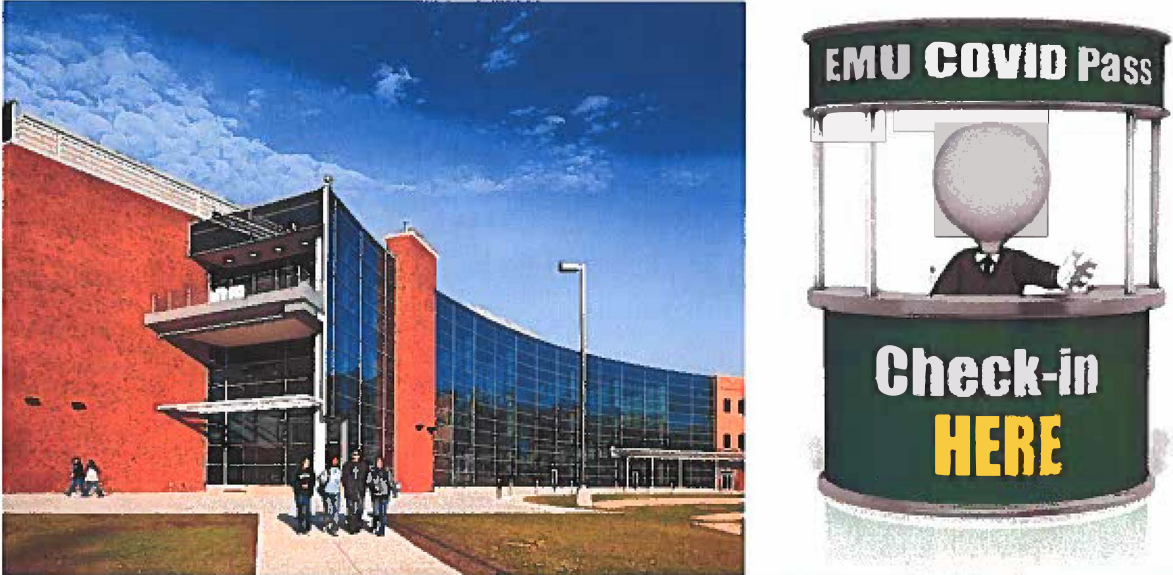
COVID Management Strategies on Campus

- COVID Pass
- Building Check-in stations
- EMU Telehealth Clinic

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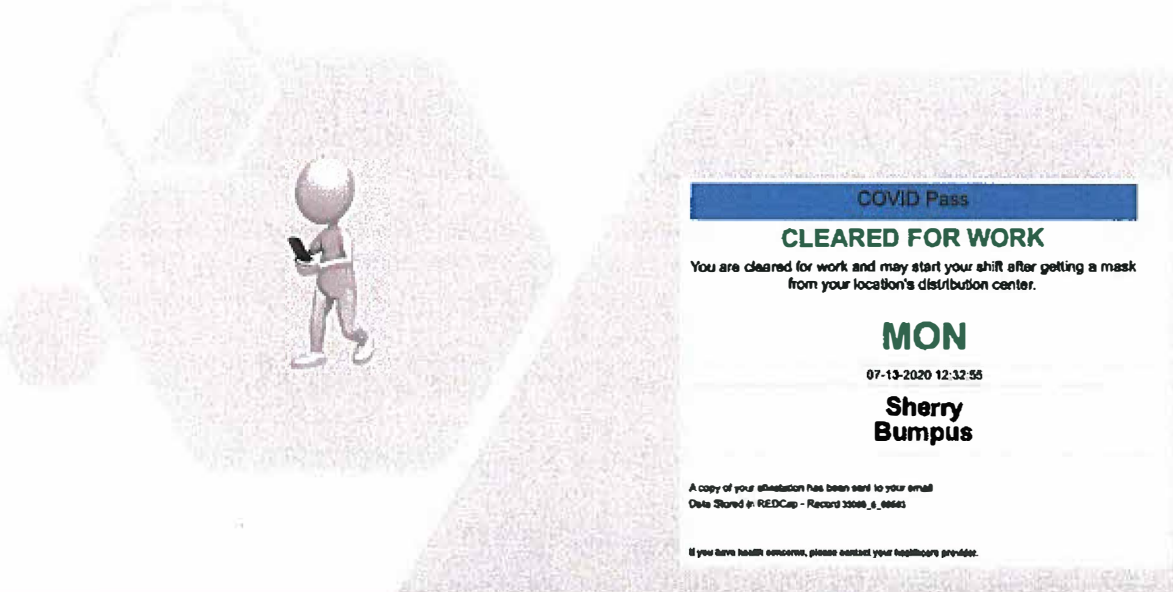


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EMU COVID Pass

**Check-in
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COVID Pass

CLEARED FOR WORK

You are cleared for work and may start your shift after getting a mask from your location's distribution center.

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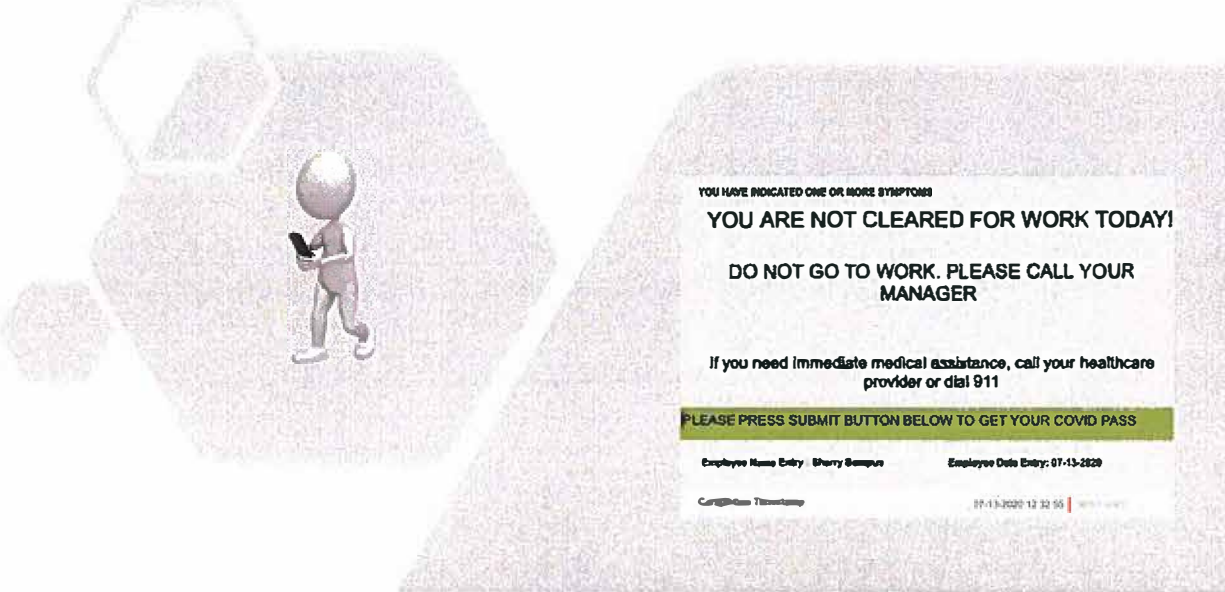
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**Sherry
Bumpus**

A copy of your attestation has been sent to your email
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If you have health concerns, please contact your healthcare provider.

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YOU HAVE INDICATED ONE OR MORE SYMPTOMS
YOU ARE NOT CLEARED FOR WORK TODAY!

DO NOT GO TO WORK. PLEASE CALL YOUR MANAGER

If you need immediate medical assistance, call your healthcare provider or dial 911

PLEASE PRESS SUBMIT BUTTON BELOW TO GET YOUR COVID PASS

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Telehealth

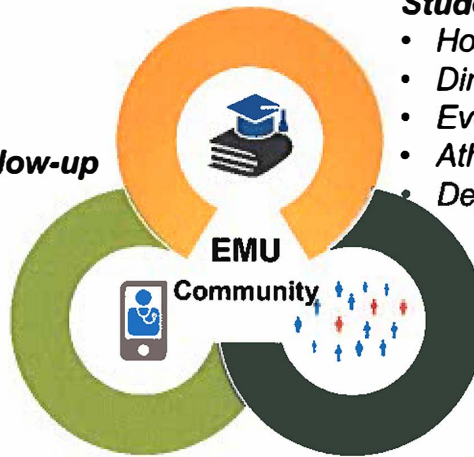


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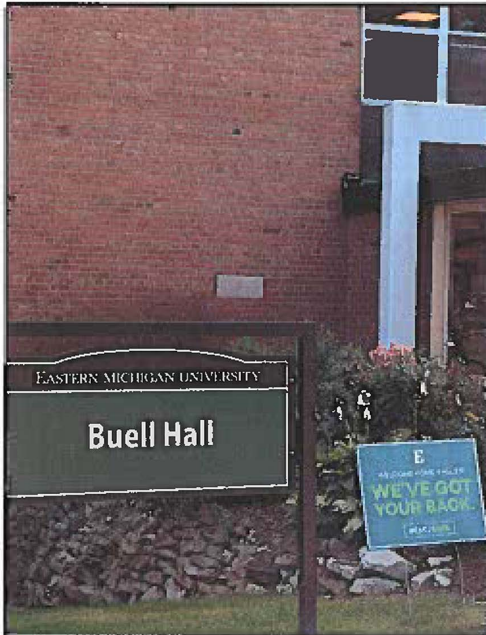
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Housing & Residence Life and E|DINING

- Utilizing closed spaces in Buell and Phelps Hall for COVID Housing
- Full Team Collaboration: HRL Live-in Staff, Physical Plant team, E|DINING,
- Conference & Event Services Office, and external contractors
- Initial contacts made to Complex Directors 24/7
- Students move to these locations to provide the safest environment for campus
- Check-in students and provide for basic needs, including touching base every few days

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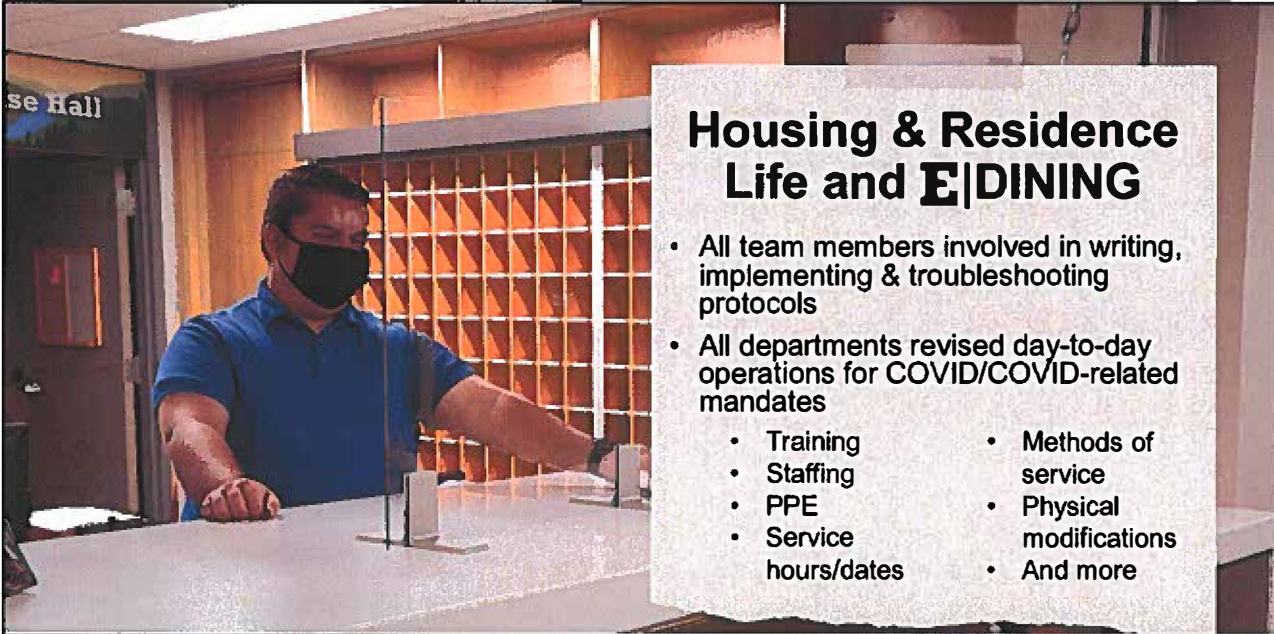
Housing & Residence Life and E|DINING

- E|DINING provides service 7 days/week to COVID spaces & across campus
- Delivers a full-day of meals to each student, including snacks and beverage
- Outreach and in-room testing via Conference and Event Services team
- Administration, list keeping, room turnover, serving student needs, including dietary issues, and tracking, testing, and ultimately student release



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Housing & Residence Life and E|DINING

- All team members involved in writing, implementing & troubleshooting protocols
- All departments revised day-to-day operations for COVID/COVID-related mandates
 - Training
 - Staffing
 - PPE
 - Service hours/dates
 - Methods of service
 - Physical modifications
 - And more

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Housing & Residence Life and E|DINING

•Housing and Residence Life

- 108 Beds for COVID Housing
- 257 Residential Students (either in COVID housing, Quarantine in Place, or went home)
- 5 Complex Directors handling all moves

E|DINING

- In 144 days, delivered 5,490 meals to 201 students
- Delivered to 10 Residence Halls and 3 Apartment Complexes

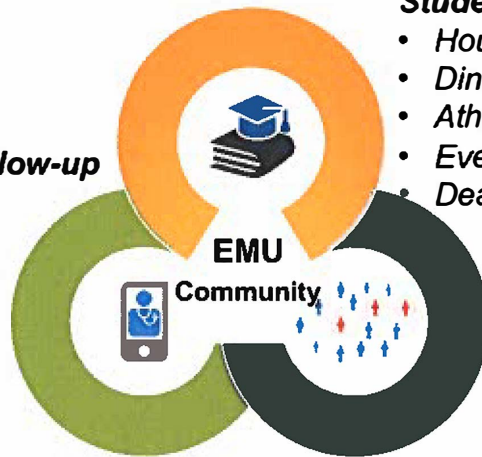
Conference and Event Services Team-Outreach via Cathy Steiner

- 185 Calls made
- 27 In-Room COVID Test Zoom meetings

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Testing for Campus

Initial Testing

- Vault at home
- Vault on campus

New Broad testing

- Vault at home
- Binax on Campus

Wastewater Testing

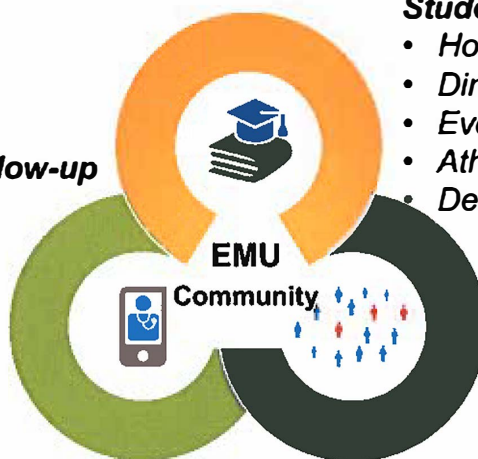
- Directs Housing Testing

Campus Testing Overview							Surveillance
GROUPS	Diagnostic (Mandatory)						Voluntary Campus
	Entry Screening	Participatory Screening (MAC & NCAA)	Outbreak	Return to Campus Screening	Expanded Testing (e.g. based on wastewater)	Other Testing	
Students in Residence Halls	★		★	★	★		★
Student Athletes	★	★	★	★			★
Marching Band & Others	★		★	★			★
Students w/ in-person classes			★				★
Individuals in Quarantine			★	★			★
University Critical Infrastructure			★			★	★
University Other Employees			★			★	★
In-person Instructors			★			★	★
Targeted groups			★				★

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Athletics COVID Testing Providers

QUEST Diagnostics

- Football In-season testing
- 4x/week antigen testing for athletes and staff
 - Confirmatory PCR test if antigen test positive

Helix Diagnostics

- All other sports surveillance and in-season testing
- Football surveillance testing
- PCR tests

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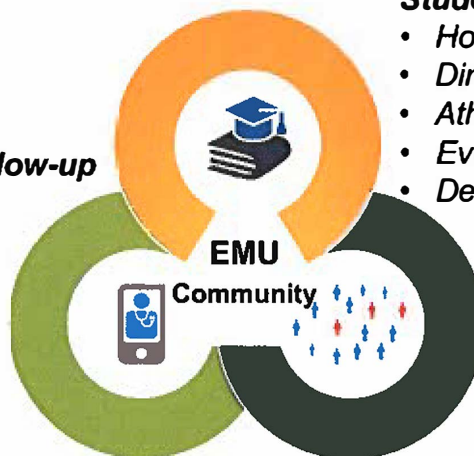
MAC & NCAA Testing Standards

Risk Classification	Sports (Per NCAA)	Baseline	MAC Testing Minimum	NCAA In Season Minimum	NCAA Out of Season Minimum
High Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball 	Upon Arrival to campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3x/week PCR. Start 10 days before competition FB: 4x/wk antigen test with confirmatory PCR 	WEEKLY TESTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All athletes, plus "inner bubble" Additional for symptomatic and high contact risks 	SURVEILLANCE TESTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25%-50% of athletes and "inner bubble" personnel every 2 weeks Plus, additional testing for symptomatic & high contact risks.
Intermediate Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soccer Indoor T&F Baseball, Rowing Volleyball 	Upon Arrival to campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 PCR test 72 hours before competition 	WEEKLY TESTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of Athletes and "inner bubble" personnel Plus, testing for symptomatic & high contact risk, every 2 weeks 	SURVEILLANCE TESTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25%-50% of Athletes and "inner bubble" personnel Plus, testing for symptomatic and high contact risk, every 2 weeks
Low Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Country Swim & Dive Gymnastics, Golf Tennis Outdoor T&F 	Upon Arrival to campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCR test 25% of roster week of competition 	WEEKLY TESTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptomatic Testing and high contact risk testing 	SURVEILLANCE TESTING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In conjunction with the university's plan for all students, Plus, symptomatic testing and high contact risk testing

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Student Care & Communication

Provide	Provide release letters for students in isolation and quarantine
Respond	Respond to COVID- related emails sent to the Dean of Students • 2/1/20 – 1/24/21 1,020
Provide	Provide professor notifications for student absences
Refer	Refer students to appropriate resources such as CAPS, Telehealth, etc.
Coordinate	Coordinate loaner laptop program with IT
Stay up	Stay up-to-date with CDC guidelines and communicate changes to leadership
Coordinate	Coordinate with University Communications on information that goes out to the University community

Record Keeping and Administration

Receive and process	Receive and process COVID-19 report forms • 8/20/20 – 1/24/21 1,726
Supply	Supply weekly case data for University COVID-19 dashboard
Address	Address cluster positive cases in a timely way
Administer	Administer the student social gathering policy
Serve	Serve as liaison with the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD)
Develop and update	Develop and update COVID-related policy and protocols

EMU COVID-19 Dashboard Total EMU Population*: 18507

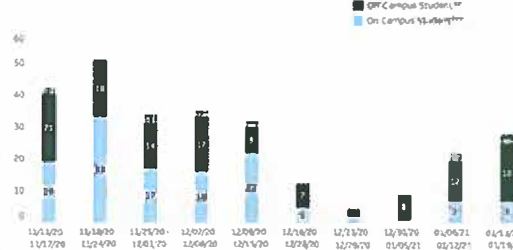
COVID-19 Testing

Tests administered by EMU** - cumulative	Positive tests - cumulative	% Positive - cumulative
18,332 <small>since 08/12/20</small>	178 <small>since 08/12/20</small>	0.97% <small>since 08/12/20</small>
Tests administered by EMU - last seven days	Positive tests - last seven days	% Positive - last seven days
1,648 <small>from 01/13/21 to 01/19/21</small>	18 <small>from 01/13/21 to 01/19/21</small>	1.09% <small>from 01/13/21 to 01/19/21</small>

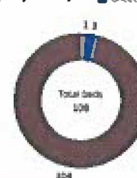
Total EMU Population is defined as the following as of 9/10/20: all regular employees + all registered students

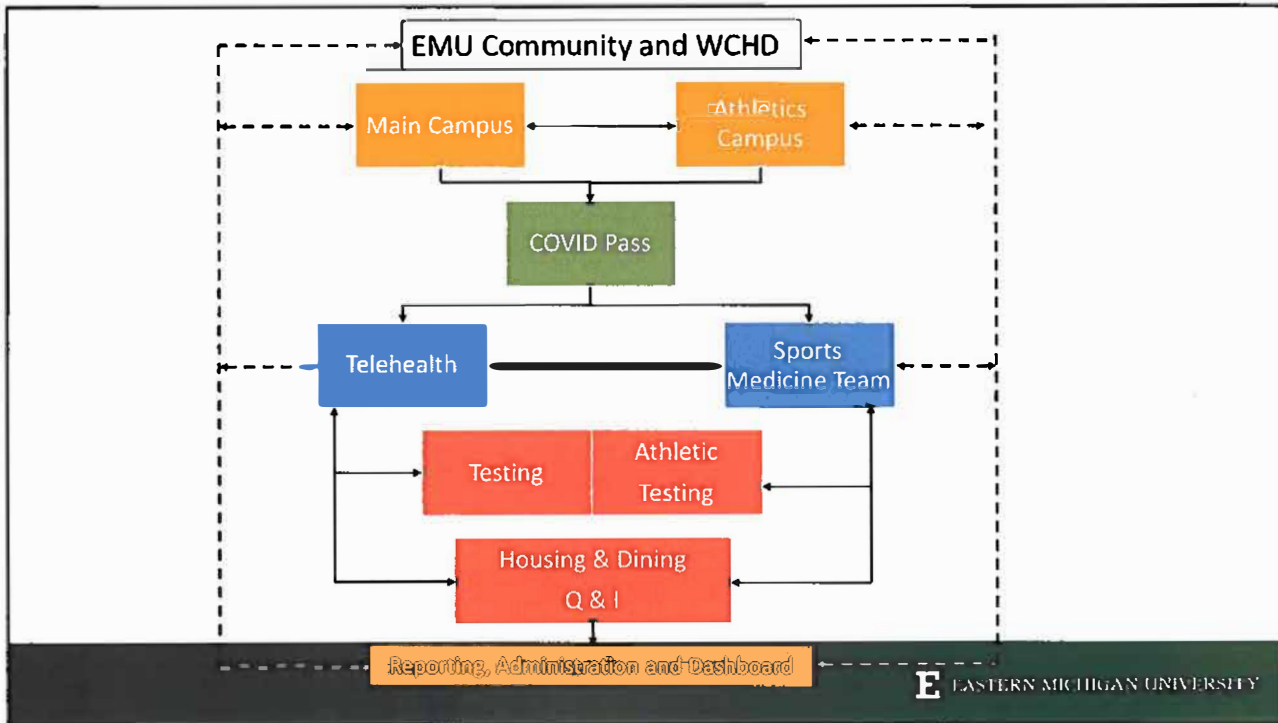
Tests administered by EMU is defined as COVID-19 tests that were administered by, or at the direction of, the University

Positive Cases*



On-campus Isolation* & Quarantine** Beds as of (01/21/2021)

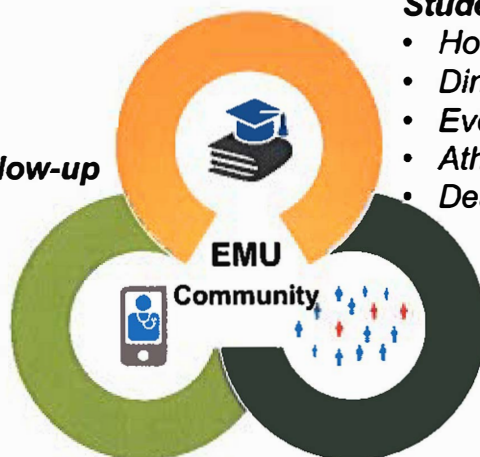




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Thank you

Questions?