

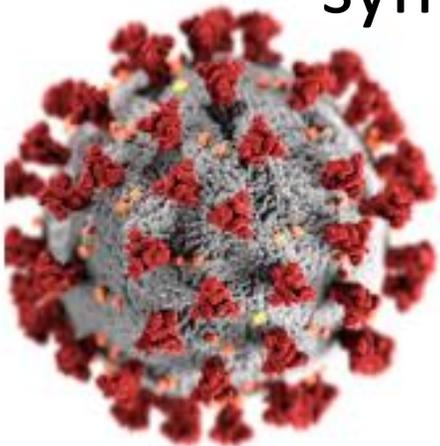
COVID-19 RETURN TO CAMPUS OVERVIEW



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WHAT IS THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS?

- The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



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HOW DOES THE VIRUS SPREAD?

- COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person. You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.
- People can spread the virus before they know they are sick, even if they have no symptoms.



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CURRENT CDC RECOMMENDATIONS TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS

- There is currently no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus in the first place.
- Avoid close contact with others, maintain at least a six-foot distance where possible.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers both your nose and mouth when in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20-seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol.



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MODIFICATIONS TO CAMPUS OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

In alignment with public health recommendations, EMCC has taken measures to help prevent community spread of COVID-19, which includes undertaking enhanced cleaning and disinfection procedures.

Additional measures include:

- Step and pull door openers have been added to entry and exit doors.
- Internal doors will be propped open where possible to reduce the number of interactions with physical surfaces requiring hand contact for entry/exit.
- Signage has been placed throughout all buildings/labs/general workspace to educate and remind employees and students of proper preventative measures.
- Employees and students are encouraged to observe social distancing in parking lots, bathrooms, cafeterias, and other onsite areas.



CLEANING & DISINFECTION PROTOCOLS

- EMCC has adopted extensive disinfection measures and guidelines and have trained staff appropriately.
- Ionizers and UVC lights have been added to classroom spaces to allow for regular cleaning and sterilization.
- Students, faculty, and staff are expected to understand and comply with all cleaning and disinfection protocols.
- An additional deep-cleaning and disinfection protocol is triggered if/when an active employee or student tests positive for COVID-19 by a healthcare provider.
- Additional hand sanitizing dispensers have been installed in entry ways and other heavily traveled areas.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Keeping space between you and others is one of the best tools we have to limit the spread of the virus. This concept is referred to as “social distancing” or “physical distancing” and simply means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home.

To practice social or physical distancing:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from other people.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings.



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

The CDC found that the novel coronavirus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, through speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms.

- In light of this new evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings.
- EMCC is requiring that all faculty, staff, and students wear face coverings while on campus for their own safety.
- Faculty may elect to wear face shields combined with physical barriers in lieu of face masks to allow for more effective teaching.
- Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to obtain their own reusable face covering; however, a facial masks will be available for those who need them.



TEMPERATURE CHECKS

Based on current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control:

Pre-Screen: Students are encouraged to take their own temperature and assess their symptoms before coming to campus. No-touch thermometers will be available for those who need them.

Regular Monitoring: Individuals should continue to self-monitor for new symptoms.



PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE HABITS

- Limit direct touching of objects, equipment and surfaces in common areas.
- Do not share tools or equipment if possible.
- Self-clean your work area regularly throughout the day and at the end of the day.
- Wash hands multiple times a day with water and soap for at least 20 seconds.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask or face covering.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU FEEL ILL

- **Stay home.** According to the CDC, most people with COVID-19 have mild illness and can recover at home without medical care. If you are running a fever or feeling unwell, please do not come to school. If you start to feel ill while on campus, you are asked to notify your instructor and leave campus immediately.
- **Call your instructor.** Please notify your instructor if you are not feeling well and need to stay home. Students who miss class as a result of illness or possible exposure to COVID-19 will not be penalized. EMCC will make all reasonable accommodations to ensure students are able to complete their required coursework.
- **Seek approval to return to campus.** Students who have contracted COVID-19 or been exposed to a confirmed case must contact the Dean of Students and provide proper documentation to return to in-person instruction.

