

Subject: **Return to campus instructions for all students who live on-campus.**

January 1, 2022

Greetings Pirates!

I hope this email finds you enjoying the winter break and time away with your friends, family and loved ones. In just a few days we will start the Spring 2022 semester with your return to campus. By now you should have received an email from our Chancellor, Dr. Phillip Rogers followed by an email from our Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Virginia Hardy. These emails outlined the additional steps that ECU is taking to keep Pirate Nation safer. While we all thought going into the holiday that our spring would usher in a return to normal, this has not been the case. However, we have learned over the past two years that we can take precautions and chart a path forward Undaunted!

In this email I have reiterated information which is pertinent to just students who live on-campus. To keep our community as safe as possible, we are now asking that **ALL On-Campus Students** (vaccinated and unvaccinated) participate in reentry testing upon your return to campus, and we require that this test occur no later than 24 hours after your return. The testing locations and times have changed from the information we published at the end of the fall semester so please note the locations and the schedule below:

**Main Campus Student Center Ballrooms**

- Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 (12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
- Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- Monday, Jan. 10 – Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

**Mako Testing Site (old FedEx Building)**

- Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 – Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 – Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- Monday, Jan. 10 – Friday, Jan. 14, 2022 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

I share in your disappointment that these additional steps need to occur. This past fall you helped to propel us forward when many were unable, and I know you will once again rise to the occasion. If we can get everyone entry tested, and unvaccinated students continue with their surveillance testing, the spread of COVID in our community can be mitigated and we can return to our regular visitation policies which would allow you to have non-residence hall students visit by mid-February.

While I anticipate that most students will comply with the testing out of sense if civic duty and love for ECU, I do need to share that students who fail to test by the end of the day on January 10<sup>th</sup> will have their Pirate IDs and One Cards turned off. This will deactivate your access to CANVAS and your ECU email. This is something we need to avoid, so please work with us and the staff in Student Health Services by doing your part. Finally, as you become eligible to get “boosted” please do so, if you have not yet been vaccinated, please join the thousands of students, faculty and staff at ECU who have been vaccinated. Getting vaccinated reduces the risk of COVID spread along with serious illness which could lead to long term health problems and possible death.

Remember to mask up, and you can start to return to your residence hall rooms any time after 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2022. Happy New Year from all of us in Campus Living!

Sincerely,

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Associate Vice Chancellor  
ECU Campus Living