



EDWARD WATERS UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT | A. ZACHARY FAISON, JR., J.D.

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Dear Edward Waters University Community:

Edward Waters University (EWU) continues to adhere to all recommended regulations and guidelines from government authorities related to the containment of COVID-19. We continue to monitor the Coronavirus and practice safety for all members of the EWU community. Due to the increase in reported cases in the state of Florida and particularly, Duval County, the EWU administration has reevaluated operations for the remainder of the fall 2021 semester and the start of the spring 2022 semester.

Effective immediately, **all in person events on campus are reduced to up to 50% of the event location capacity.** It is recommended that all events are held virtually or moved to outside venues, where possible. **Masks and physical distancing continue to be requirements for all in person events. Additionally, temperature checks will be conducted for all attendees.**

All athletic events, including all remaining home football games at the Glover Community & Field Stadium, are reduced to up to 50% of the event location capacity. Tickets for the football games are required to be purchased in advance online. Student tickets can be downloaded at no cost. The schedule of remaining home games and ticketing instructions can be found [here](#). Tailgating and vendor sales outside of the Glover Community Field and Stadium have been suspended. **Masks and physical distancing continue to be requirements for all in person events. Additionally, temperature checks will be conducted for all attendees.**

All upcoming homecoming activities will be reduced to up to 50% of the event location capacity. Tickets will go on sale Friday, September 24, 2021. Students can attend all events at no cost but registration is required in advance. **The registration portal for students will open on Friday, September 24, 2021.** The schedule of events for Homecoming 2021 and ticketing instructions can be found [here](#). **Masks and physical distancing continue to be requirements for all in person events. Additionally, temperature checks will be conducted for all attendees.**

In person classes for the fall 2021 semester will end on Friday, November 19, 2021. All residential facilities will close at 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 21, 2021. Student-athletes participating in sports programs that extend beyond November 21st will need to request a waiver to remain on campus from Residence Life and Housing. Following the Thanksgiving holiday break, **all classes will be held via real time remote and online instruction. Final examinations will be administered online. Students residing in on-campus housing and students with meal plans will receive a spring 2022 semester credit for room and board on their student account for November 21 – December 9 (19 days).**

The university will close its business operations for the winter holiday **on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 5 p.m.** The university will resume normal business operations and all faculty and staff will return to the university following the winter break on **January 10, 2022.** **New and returning students will report to campus January 13-14, 2022.** **The first day of classes for the spring 2022 semester is Tuesday, January 18, 2022.** These updates and other important dates can be found via the comprehensive university calendar [here](#).

It is critically important that members of our university community become vaccinated and/or complete regular COVID-19 testing. In collaboration with EWU, *Agape Family Health* continues to offer weekly vaccinations via the mobile unit in the Adams-Jenkins Sports & Music Complex parking lot and conduct COVID-19 testing in the Adams-Jenkins Sports & Music Complex every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students are strongly encouraged to upload their proof of vaccination to the student *Med+Proctor* portal. Instructions for uploading can be found [here](#).

As members of the EWU family, we are committed to the continued safety and wellness of all students, faculty, staff, and alumni by providing a healthy environment for learning, living, and each of the celebratory activities that will accompany our 2021 Homecoming. Additionally, we are committed to providing educational and support services to all students, whether via an in-person or virtual platform to ensure the continuity of student learning and servicing without barrier or consequence. As with any operational plan during the COVID-19 pandemic, **the information provided in this letter is subject to adjustment** as EWU continues to update, revise, and/or notify its constituents of any modifications in comprehensive operational plans or changes to protocols and procedures pursuant to recommendations from local, state, and federal officials, health agencies, as well as internal and external assessment and evaluation of conditions by the EWU administration related to COVID-19.

If you have questions or concerns pertaining to classes or academic related matters, please direct those inquiries to the **Division of Academic Affairs at 904-470-8004.** Questions or concerns regarding student events, homecoming activities, and housing and residence life should be directed to the **Division of Student Success and Engagement at 904-470-8221.** Questions or concerns regarding athletic events should be directed to the **Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at 904-470-8278.** Finally, as a reminder you can view the comprehensive EWU Homecoming 2021 Schedule of Events along with other attendant information via the university website at www.ewc.edu/hc.

Yours for Edward Waters University,



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President and Chief Executive Officer