



EDWARD WATERS UNIVERSITY

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

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Dear Edward Waters University Tiger Scholars:

We are excited to welcome you back to campus for the 2021-2022 academic year. The campus is abuzz with ongoing development of new and updated facilities for student activities, a new stadium, updated classrooms outfitted with the newest technology for a better academic experience, as well as a new graduate degree, the online Master of Business Administration. Not only that, but gaps in returning student balances will be covered through the *“We Got You, Again”* program and **all returning students from the Spring 2021 semester are eligible for \$2,000 in cash upon fall 2021 check-in through the “Cash Me Out” program.**

As we prepare to return to a heightened sense of normalcy for the Fall 2021 semester, we are pleased to share with you what that will look like as we continue to monitor the Coronavirus and practice safety for all. The Edward Waters University (EWU) administration has reconsidered on-campus restrictions that were imposed during the 2020-2021 academic year due to the COVID-19 pandemic for those students who have been vaccinated. Even though the campus is alleviating some of its restrictions for vaccinated students, the administration recognizes the on-going reality of the Coronavirus, including the Delta Variant, and our new normal for operating the University. As such, we are continuing to require social distancing and wearing face masks. However, we are excited to amend certain restrictions to on-campus access in order for our vaccinated students to enjoy the many new campus amenities and services face-to-face.

GOOD NEWS

Vaccinated? We are pleased to share with you that **any student (on- or off-campus) who is fully vaccinated by August 16, 2021, can take advantage of full on-campus access including, but not limited to:**

- Attending classes in-person (Please note there will be **no** hybrid or hyflex class delivery this semester. All classes will be face-to-face or remote unless the class is listed as an online course).
- Living in on-campus housing
- Eating inside the cafeteria
- Attending Welcome Week and Homecoming Activities
- Attending any student activities, including on-campus social events.

Just bring your proof of vaccination card to check-in and we will ensure your access to on-campus facilities and activities for the 2021-2022 academic year.

If you cannot get vaccinated prior to check-in, EWU is providing access to either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine on-campus through Agape Mobile Health Services on **August 1-2, 2021, August 6-7, 2021 and August 12-13, 2021.**

Please note, waiting for an on-campus vaccination may result in delayed access to on-campus/in-person activities and services as well as testing obligations until full vaccination is completed.

Not vaccinated? No worries. Students can still attend virtual classes and virtual events at EWU without being vaccinated. The new technologies available in the classroom will now allow students the ability to attend class as if they are present along with other students in class via zoom or video conference. All students will have access to receiving academic and student support services remotely, as well as streamed University events that are presented in-person.

As members of the EWU family, we are committed to the continued safety and wellness of all students, faculty, and staff by providing a healthy environment for learning and living. Additionally, we are committed to providing educational and support services to all students, whether in-person or virtual in platform to ensure the continuity of student learning and servicing without barrier or consequence. As with any of our COVID-19 pandemic resumption of on-campus operations planning, *the information provided in this letter is subject to adjustment* as EWU will continue 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 related to COVID-19.

If you have questions regarding any of our programs such as *We Got You* or *Cash Me Out*, please contact the **Office of Student Accounts at 904-470-8246**. For information regarding on-campus access and vaccinations, please feel free to contact the **Division of Student Success and Engagement at 904-470-8221**.

Again, we are ecstatic to welcome you home, Tiger Scholars!

Yours for Edward Waters University,



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President and Chief Executive Officer