

TO: Eastern Faculty, Staff and Students; Parents and Visitors

From: Dr. Thomas Striplin, President

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SUBJECT: COVID 19 – Update

Originally, we were requesting negative test results to return to any Eastern location for students or staff members who tested positive for the virus and quarantined the recommended amount of days. Since an individual who has tested positive for Covid and has completed his or her quarantine may continue to test positive for up to a month or more after quarantine, I will accept a release form or written notification of completion of quarantine from a healthcare provider for the student or staff member to return to campus.

On the other hand, for those individuals who are showing symptoms of the virus but <u>have not been diagnosed</u> with Covid or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus, we *are* recommending that they get tested and not come on campus until they can submit a negative test result. Any person testing positive will have to quarantine.

Thank you for your patience while we continue to work through this pandemic. It's been a learning experience for everyone.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to myself (<u>Thomas.Striplin@easternwv.edu</u>) or Jaennae Snyder, Human Resources Assistant III (<u>Jaennae.Snyder@easternwv.ed</u>) or call Mrs. Snyder at 304-434-8000 Ext 9275.

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