There are inherent risks to visiting campus and being in the community that we cannot eliminate, regardless of the careful steps we take. It is important that everyone in the EWU community become active participants in reducing the spread of COVID-19. We understand the importance of socialization as a critical part of your student experience. Our ability to remain open and provide our services and programs can be taken away if local or state health authorities perceive that we – students, staff, faculty and administrators – are not taking this situation seriously and doing our part to reflect this through our actions. Every EWU community member, including students living both off-campus and on-campus, is expected to follow the daily public health guidance shared in this document. Our community, particularly its most vulnerable members, needs us to commit to these protocols.

STAYING HEALTHY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Below are health and safety measures that are necessary as we work to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 both on and off-campus.

When In Public

Washington state guidance states that you should wear a mask when not in your residence.

Stay home if you are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms. If you are experiencing symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider. As an EWU student you can contact Rockwood Multi-Care in Cheney at (509) 235-6151.

Maintain Adequate Physical Distancing (6 feet) at all times.

Practice Good Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

When On Campus

Fill out the daily symptom attestation on inside.ewu.edu each day you come to campus. This applies to everyone, regardless of the campus being visited.

Contact tracing will occur if an employee or student tests positive. the University Response Team will follow up with the employee or student to determine if they had any “close contacts” on campus and what facilities they have been in. An alert will also be sent to custodial staff for extra cleaning.

You must wear a mask unless you are in an office by yourself or can maintain 6 feet of physical distance while outside.
We are counting on you to practice safe and healthy behaviors. You are responsible for your behavior on and off campus and should be aware that the actions you take off-campus can affect the on-campus community. We all need to do our part to stay safe in our own lives to help protect our EWU community.

Smart Socialization with Friends and Neighbors
One of the hardest elements of this pandemic is the lack of socialization. However, we have seen the detrimental effects that gathering in large groups can have on the spread of COVID-19. We ask that you not gather in groups larger than 5 (outside of those you live with) until further restrictions are lifted. We strongly recommend identifying a small group of peers to socialize with regularly ensuring that you spend time with individuals who will not put you at risk of contracting COVID-19.

Frequent Cleaning and Disinfecting
One of the most effective things we can do to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to clean living spaces more frequently with disinfectant products. Frequently cleaning bathrooms, common spaces and surfaces is highly suggested. Common areas such as shared bathrooms and kitchens should be designed to conform with physical distancing requirements.

If You or Your Housemate or Roommate Becomes Symptomatic
- If you are experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19, please stay home and seek advice from your healthcare provider. If you are in Cheney and experiencing symptoms, you can seek care at the MultiCare Rockwood Clinic. EWU students pay a health fee that gives them access to some services at this clinic at no cost.
  - COVID-19 testing is not covered by the EWU health fee.
- If an employee or student is identified as a close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) or household member of someone who has COVID-19, the University will instruct the person to quarantine for 14 days after exposure to the person with COVID-19.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, you will be required to self-isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days after the onset of symptoms and until symptoms are improving and you have not experienced a fever for the past 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Visiting the Residence Halls
Visitors, including parents, will not be allowed in residence halls during fall quarter. Access to each residence hall will be limited to only each hall’s residents and essential staff.

Safe Dining and Entertainment Practices
It is strongly recommended that you download food delivery apps like Uber Eats and Grubhub to have an off-campus dining experience. This can limit your chances of coming in contact with others. For additional information on policies specific to dining and entertainment establishments in Spokane, click here. We encourage socially distanced outdoor activities in groups of 5 or fewer people as a way to recreate outside of your home.
Large Social Gatherings and Parties

Parties and large social gatherings – on or off campus - will not be tolerated and are expressly prohibited, as they pose a significant risk to your health, the health of others in the Spokane community and our ability to keep Eastern’s campus open this academic year. Violators of this expectation will be held accountable. If you engage in any activities/behaviors considered harmful or unsafe to the greater community, you should expect disciplinary action.

Failure to Follow University Directives

Eastern's Student Code of Conduct addresses misconduct, which in the current circumstances would include refusing to wear a face covering or not practicing physical distancing. Failure to follow university directives may result in a referral to Student Rights and Responsibilities. Consequences may include, but are not limited to, a written warning and education, suspended fine, restricted access to campus facilities, and suspension.

PROHIBITED BEHAVIORS AND CONSEQUENCES

Our plans are aligned and consistent with local health orders and ordinances of the City of Spokane and Spokane County, as well as the Governor Inslee’s Proclamation on Higher Education and Reopening Guidance. Additionally, we are following recommendations from the federal government, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD), and the Eastern COVID-19 Response Team.

Please visit ewu.edu/coronavirus for updates from EWU.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

EWU Health, Wellness & Prevention Services
EWU Student Care Team
EWU Disability Support Services
Counseling and Psychology Services
Housing and Residential Life
University Police
EWU Food Pantry
Multicultural Center
Pride Center
Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Spokane Regional Health District
Washington Department of Health

(509) 359-4279
Student Intake Form
(509) 359-6871
(509) 359-2366
(509) 359-2451
Non-Emergency Police Assistance: (509) 359-7676
(509) 359-6255
(509) 359-4004
(509) 359-7870
(509) 359-4705
(509) 324-1500
Coronavirus Call Center: +1 (800) 525-0127