

COVID-19 TIMELINE

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The Easterner's news editor
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Information from EWU
president Mary Cullinan's
email updates, EagleNet
and the NCAA website.

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- Governor Jay Inslee calls for a state of Emergency in Washington State
- EWU students may be excused from class if they are issued a medical note

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- EWU introduces a page on InsideEWU dedicated to sharing updates on COVID-19 <http://www.ewu.edu/coronavirus>

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- Faculty asked to change in-person finals to the week of Mar. 9-13, from the original week of Mar. 16-20
- Union market suspends self-service and salad bar offerings
- The Center for Academic Advising & Retention (CAAR) announced to offer Zoom video conferencing to begin Mar. 9

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- EWU President Mary Cullinan announces that EWU is not closing campus or canceling events yet
- Cullinan announces that there are zero cases of COVID-19 on campus
- Cullinan announces that EWU is in contact with Inslee's office and the Spokane Regional Health District

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- Cullinan announces COVID-19 has been labeled a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WTO)
- Cullinan states, "the university's leadership team is convening to discuss impacts upon the university moving forward into spring quarter."
- Inslee advises crowds of less than 250 people across the entire state, and prohibits events with more than 250 people in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties.
- All classes will be moved online
- Classes and labs that cannot be held online cannot have more than 25 people
- All events that cannot be held online are announced to need to be postponed or canceled
- University-sponsored travel is restricted, exceptions require authorization
- Cullinan announces possibly delaying the start of spring quarter

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- Big Sky tournament is cancelled early in the early morning; EWU men's were the de facto champ for placing 1st in the regular season; NCAA Men's and Women's national tournament is cancelled by the afternoon

- Inslee has restricted the activity of all public and private universities and colleges through April 24

- Cullinan announces

they will go online for the entire spring quarter, beginning March 30

- JFK library remains open with modified hours

- The PHASE and Rec Center closed March 16 - April 27

- Two virtual town halls scheduled for March 16 and 17 with faculty experts discussing COVID-19

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- SAIL tells student organizations they will be able to reserve rooms or table spaces on EagleSync, if the event is for 25 people or less.

- President Donald Trump announces that student loan interest will be frozen for the spring and possibly summer to subsidize students who can not work due to COVID-19

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- Three people tested positive for COVID-19 in the Spokane area

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- Inslee announces that all restaurants, bars, taverns, and other recreational activities will be closed for two full weeks starting Mar. 16, and ending Mar. 30
- 1st virtual town hall meeting
- Start of spring quarter and semester moved to April 6
- Online course delivery fee waived
- Temporary hiring freeze announced

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- 2nd virtual town hall meeting held
- Cullinan posts a video on EWU's Youtube account giving updates
- Financial Aid will be distributed March 30
- Removed hold for students with 90 credits who have not yet declared a major
- Student emergency fund will be used to help cover the cost of laptops for students who do not have a computer
- Students who need to suspend or leave a bachelor's program with no credential due to current circumstances may be awarded an associate's degree if they meet credit totals and general Direct Transfer Agreement requirements

- Students without safe housing may stay in university housing
- Student support services includes remote/teleconferencing options
- Cap on Eagle Flex plan removed
- EWU foundation announces working on student support fundraising initiative to provide financial support
- Course materials from EWU Eagle store can be shipped free of charge till April 10
- Students may now submit an alternative to the SAT or ACT
- Students who have already taken the SAT or ACT may submit unofficial copies of test scores and still receive an admission decision
- Students may submit unofficial transcripts from

their high school or college

- Admissions and financial aid deadlines for future students have been extended to June 1

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- JFK Library, Eagle Store, Parking Office and EWU Children's Center all closed until April 6

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- Cullinan announces that EWU is not in suspended operations
- Semester commencement is cancelled; semester graduates are encouraged to participate in the June commencement
- All buildings on the Cheney campus that are opened to the public will remain closed until April 6, except for the PUB
- The Union Market and the PUB will be open 8:00-4:30 p.m. M-F, and 9:00-4:30 p.m. on the weekends
- All EWU employees who are able to telework for their campus job are encouraged to do so until April 6

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