

Many of you completed the form and provided us the information we needed to make decisions about Break Housing. As we're sure you know, break season is upon us and you only have about four weeks of class left! There are some important details about Thanksgiving and Winter break below. Make sure you know what you need to do!

Thanksgiving:

- You are welcome to stay in the halls during Thanksgiving break at no extra charge.
- If you plan to stay on campus during break, go down to your hall office and sign up.
- Are you craving a traditional holiday meal? You're in luck! Fill out this form to order your own Heat & Eat Thanksgiving Meal! <https://inside.ewu.edu/dining/heat-eat-thanksgiving-meal/>
- The market will be open on Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week from 10am-2pm for grab and go meal options. **Plan ahead for your meals!** The market will be open until 8pm on Wednesday and will be open at 10am on Saturday.

Winter Break:

- The halls will close at 12:00pm (noon) on Friday, December 11th. All residents must be out by then. You do not need to move all your belongings out or turn in your key if you plan to return for Winter quarter.
- If you will need housing during Winter break sign up using this [form](#).
- Break Housing is \$350, regardless of the number of days you stay.
- You may return from break **no earlier than 9:00am on Sunday, January 3rd**.

If you have any questions about either break please reach out to us at housing@ewu.edu or 509-359-2451.

Advice From Health, Wellness and Prevention Services

The upcoming holidays may increase the risk of COVID as this is a time when families come together to see each other and celebrate. Please keep the following guidelines in mind to keep you and your loved ones safe:

- If you test positive or are a close contact of a positive case after Thanksgiving and have returned to the residence halls, it could delay your travel plans for the winter break.
- Reduce the number of people you are in contact with for 14 days prior to your trip to minimize the risk of transmitting COVID to your family or friends.

- Travel increases your risk of giving or getting COVID- staying home and not seeing people outside your current household is the best way to protect yourself or others.
- Travel safely – check to see if there are any restrictions for testing prior to arriving or quarantining upon arrival at your destination.
- Get an influenza vaccination.
- People who have COVID, are a close contact of someone with COVID or in a higher risk category should not travel or gather in-person over the holidays.
- The more people who gather outside of your immediate household, the higher the risk.
- Maintain public health strategies during the gathering- physical distancing, masks and washing your hands, and limiting size of gathering.
- After the holidays, consider staying *home* as much as possible for the next 14 days.

Thank you for all you have done to help keep our community safe. Let us know your plans as soon as possible. Have a great break!

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