



ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

September 27, 2020

Dear Students,

As the number of students in isolation (positive cases) and quarantine (contacts of positive students) continue to rise, I need to be a bit more firm in my language to you, as well as communicate immediate changes in our services and procedures.

The majority of you have been abiding by our COVID-19 Guidelines/Requirements (attached once again); however, there are many who are disregarding the rules we have put in place to keep our campus community safe. From this point forward, **IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES, YOU WILL BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY. No more warnings will be issued.** This includes our **no guest policy in all campus buildings**, students found in a residence hall other than their own, and talking/yelling into residence hall windows where students are quarantining and isolating.

1. Starting with dinner this evening, all meals from the Dining Hall will be **TAKE OUT ONLY**. Please be responsible with your trash, as you will no longer be eating in the Dining Hall. While the weather is still permitting, utilize the outdoors as much as possible.
2. Commuter students should not be coming to campus; please attend your classes virtually, as well as utilize virtual support services. The Commuter Lounge will be closed until further notice.
3. The Gannett-Tripp Library will be closed until further notice. If this presents technology access issues for you, please respond to this email so we can address your needs individually.
4. Student teaching, nursing clinical, and community engagement activities are all suspended for EC students until further notice.
5. In-person work-study and other student employment positions that cannot be accomplished virtually will likely be temporarily suspended. It would be best to check with your supervisor to see if your work will continue. Resident Assistant positions will continue.
6. Utilize email, Google Meet (and similar technology), and telephones for communication in lieu of face-to-face meetings.
7. Face coverings, properly worn with both nose and mouth covered, are **REQUIRED** anytime you leave your residence hall room, with the exception of while eating. If you are eating with others, you must stay 6' apart from each other, particularly if they are not your roommate(s).

8. Leaving campus for social activities is highly discouraged. If you must go off campus, you should not be going to local restaurants and bars at this time. If you are in a vehicle with others, face coverings need to be worn.
9. Since we are rapidly approaching maximum capacity for quarantine spaces on campus, beginning tomorrow, Monday, September 28, students who have had contact with another person who tests positive will need to quarantine off campus. This means either going home or utilizing space at the Elmira Holiday Inn. The cost of a hotel room is \$59/night plus taxes and food, and students or parents will be required to use a credit card upon entry. While there are CARES Act emergency student funds still available, students may be reimbursed for these costs following quarantine (documentation must be provided).

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and compliance. If you have questions or if anything is unclear to you, let me know. Please stay well and make wise choices!

Sincerely,
Liz

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