



ELMIRA COLLEGE

March 22, 2020

Dear Elmira Campus Community,

Even as most of us are now studying and working away from campus, this update serves as an important reminder that **we still need to be vigilant about slowing the spread of COVID-19.**

We have been notified that a student who left the Elmira College campus on March 13 has tested positive for COVID-19. The student began exhibiting symptoms on Tuesday, March 17. A positive test result was confirmed on Friday, March 20.

While the student may have contracted the virus at home, we are taking every precaution for our campus community and following the Chemung County Health Department protocol. Community members who we know had direct contact with the student will be notified directly.

All students and employees should continue to monitor their personal health situations. Current Health Department recommendations are: NO MEASURES need to be taken unless you exhibit symptoms of cough, shortness of breath, and fever. If you experience these symptoms, THEN you need to contact your health care provider or local health department.

Please remember that the purpose of moving to online classes and reducing the workforce on campus is so that we may practice social distancing and stay at home (or residence hall) as much as possible.

The Clarke Health Center will remain open to the campus community Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any student may contact the Clarke Health Center with health-related questions, or if prescription refills are needed, while away from campus. Contact Director of Health Services, Wendy Fiscus, at (607) 735-1750 or wfiscus@elmira.edu.

Per Governor Cuomo's executive order on Friday, March 20, we now are required to close the Gannett-Tripp Library by 8:00 p.m. this evening (Sunday, March 22). Library staff is still available to assist via phone: (607) 735-1866; email researchhelp@elmira.edu; or text: (607) 953-6060.

Our main focus remains the safety and health of our entire campus community. Please follow local, state, and federal mandates for social distancing and in caring for yourself and your loved ones.

Sincerely,
Charles Lindsay
President