



# COVID-19 Student Guidelines\*

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Elmira College is committed to supporting the academic mission of the college and continuing to create an environment where students live where they learn. Elmira College will implement appropriate policies, procedures, and protocol to aid in minimizing the spread of COVID-19. We do expect students to abide by these guidelines to ensure the health and safety of the whole Elmira College community. Students who violate these guidelines will be subject to sanctions noted in the Elmira College COVID-19 Sanction Guide. Although these guidelines include protocol for the residence halls, the expectation is that ALL students will abide by them. Note that these guidelines are in place alongside the policies outlined in the Elmira College Code of Conduct.

Specific measures include, but are not limited to:

- Following social distancing protocols while physically on Elmira's campus and in college-owned facilities. Best practices dictate a minimum of 6 feet between individuals and must be abided by specifically if face coverings are not properly worn.
- Students are required to complete and submit a daily COVID-19 self-screening. PC users will receive a reminder when they log onto the EC network; Mac users will need to set a reminder. The online form is available on the homepage of MyEC.
- **Off-Campus Guests will not be permitted in the residence halls.** Overnight guests are not permitted. Residents may only reside in their assigned residence hall. Guests of the same residence hall are limited to one guest per resident, e.g., two residents and two guests in a double occupancy room. **Residents will not be permitted to visit residents in other residence halls except during designated visitation hours. Expanded Visitation Hours will continue for the Spring 2021 Term.**
- We encourage students to utilize common spaces while maintaining social distancing and wearing appropriate face coverings and ensure that the amount of people in individual rooms is kept to the required amount (see previous bullet point).
- Study rooms, practice rooms, and lounge areas will be limited in occupancy so that people can maintain social distancing. Appropriate face coverings must be worn while present in any of these areas, as well as in any common areas (inside and outside).
- **Students are encouraged to stay on campus as much as possible. Overnight travel is permitted but we continue to encourage students to be safe.**
- Elevator occupancy will be limited to 50% occupancy at any one time. Face coverings must be worn at all times.
- Students with known or suspected exposure to COVID-19, who display any symptoms, or who have received a positive test result must report this information to the Clarke Health Center immediately for appropriate follow up. This may include relocation to isolation housing, alternative methods for food access and/or delivery, participation in contact tracing protocol, and/or transitioning to alternative course delivery methods.

*\*Failure to adhere to any of these directives may result in disciplinary action. Note that these guidelines are subject to change at any time. Updated information will be relayed to all students.*

## \*Spring 2021 Term Visitation Hours Guidelines

Residential and commuter students will be allowed to visit other residence halls Monday-Sunday only during the hours of 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. adhering to the following guidelines:

*(For purposes of these guidelines, A guest is defined as a **residential or a commuter student** visiting a residence hall other than the one that they live in, off-campus guests remain prohibited)*

- Guests from other residence halls and commuter students must be checked in at a Residence Hall desk in the lobby of each building.
- Hosts and guests must both be present at check in and must sign a check in form acknowledging that the host is responsible for the guest and both the host and guest are expected to follow all policies outlined in the Elmira College Code of Conduct and COVID-19 Guidelines.
- Students may not travel through the building without their host.
- Guests will leave their Elmira College ID Card at the check in desk and gather them upon leaving the building.
- **Residence Life staff reserve the right to ask any guests to leave at any time.**
- **Any student who abuses this privilege, will have their ability to host guests or visit other residence halls revoked and will be referred to the student conduct process.**
- **Note that this program/process will continue to be evaluated throughout the term. If there is an issue with enforcement or compliance, Residence Life will cancel any guest privileges for the remainder of the academic year.**