

ELMIRA COLLEGE

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:

- Off-campus guests will not be permitted in the residence halls at this time. However, EC students may visit residence halls other than the one in which they reside.
- All students (residential and commuter) must be fully vaccinated prior to leaving for fall break week, unless a medical or religious exemption has been submitted and approved.
- Vaccinated and unvaccinated students will be subject to routine, random COVID testing to ensure the safety of everyone.
- At this time, and following [current CDC guidance](#), wearing a mask outdoors is optional for everyone, but strongly encouraged when in crowded outdoor settings and for activities where you may have close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated. People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.
- We encourage students to utilize larger common spaces when gathering in groups. When gathering in smaller spaces, face coverings are encouraged for both vaccinated and unvaccinated students.
- Students are encouraged to stay on campus as much as possible. Overnight travel is permitted, but we continue to encourage students to be safe.
- 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, and participation in contact tracing protocol.
- Students who are placed in isolation or quarantine **must** remain on campus and are not permitted to go home or return to their assigned residence hall until cleared by the Clarke Health Center.
- If a student must isolate or quarantine due to COVID symptoms or exposure, there will be **no special provisions provided for classes**. The student will not be able to attend classes in person so as not to expose others, and there will not be an online option. It will be handled like any other illness. The student will be responsible for contacting their faculty members and making up any missed work. This is the same process that would occur if a person contracted measles, hepatitis, or some other contagion.
- Residence Life staff reserve the right to ask any guests to leave at any time.

- 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.
- Note that this program/process will continue to be evaluated throughout the term.