



ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

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Good Evening,

I hope that this email finds you healthy. I understand that we have shared a great deal of information with you over the last several weeks, and that some of it is confusing and changing quickly. I want to assure you that we are working closely with our local and state health authorities on a daily basis, as this situation is very fluid.

I wanted to send you some updated information that concerns Elmira College's plan for testing and screening as part of our plan to reopen campus.

When New York State first published the guidelines for reopening higher education institutions, we developed a comprehensive plan that provided optimum safety for everyone on campus. However, in light of changing circumstances, we have altered some aspects of our plan.

While the College originally planned to require ALL students to come to campus with a COVID-19 test result from within 5-7 days, we have decided to **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that students get tested to assure that they are safe to come to campus. That said, there are exceptions to this policy:

- ALL athletes (even in light of Fall sports being suspended), **MUST** be tested.
- Any student who has a positive screening by answering "yes" to any of the following questions **MUST** get tested prior to arrival on campus: In the last two weeks have you had any symptoms such as shortness of breath, cough, fever, nausea, vomiting, sudden loss of taste or smell; In the last two weeks have you had any contact with someone known to, or is suspected to have COVID-19; In the last two weeks have you travelled outside the United States or to any high risk areas; Do you have a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

If you wish to get tested prior to arrival, I encourage you to speak to your local health department or your health care provider to see where testing is being completed and if your insurance will cover the test. If you prefer to be tested once you arrive on campus, we can help facilitate that, but please keep in mind that your insurance may not cover the test and there may be out of pocket costs.

A few days ago, Dr. Liz Lambert sent an email regarding New York State guidelines for quarantine for people travelling from high-risk states and detailed instructions on what your options are for your safe arrival to campus. Those states are listed [HERE](#). This list is changing frequently, so please check back periodically to see if your state is listed.

Please feel free to reach out to the Clarke Health Center if you have any questions.

Best,
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