



ELMIRA COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 13, 2021

Dear EC Community,

The beginning of the term is rapidly approaching, with Term II classes scheduled to begin online on January 19, and in-person classes scheduled to begin February 1.

Residential students have started arriving on campus. The first group includes those traveling from non-contiguous states/areas, who need to quarantine per the New York State Travel Advisory. This weekend, we will welcome back residential students from New York and other contiguous states. The Office of Campus Life has a wide range of activities planned for students, and I encourage you to watch your email for additional information.

REMINDERS AND UPDATES

RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS: it is important to note that once you return to campus for Term II, you must remain for the full term. You will not be permitted to return if you choose to go home, even for a visit, at any point during the Term. Please plan accordingly.

Prior to returning to campus, residential students will need to provide results from a negative COVID-19 test dated within 5 days of return. The test results should be uploaded to the student health portal, <https://elmira.studenthealthportal.com/> (use your EC username and password to log in, go to the "document upload" tab, browse documents and upload to the portal).

COMMUTER, PART-TIME AND GRADUATE STUDENTS: Testing for all, non-nursing commuter, part-time and graduate students will take place on **January 27, 28, and 29 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., in Morris Classroom, Meier Hall.** You do not need an appointment.

All commuter nursing students should stop into the Clarke Health Center **today through Friday, January 15, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.,** to be tested. You do not need an appointment.

EMPLOYEES (FACULTY, STAFF, ADMINISTRATORS, AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS): Staff, administrators, graduate assistants and faculty who are teaching in-person during Term II should plan to return to on-campus work by February 1. Please confirm your schedule with your supervisor. Testing for staff and faculty who are teaching in-person during Term II will take place on **January 27, 28, and 29 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., in Morris Classroom, Meier Hall.** You

do not need an appointment. Essential staff who are already back on campus, and were tested last week, do not need to be tested again.

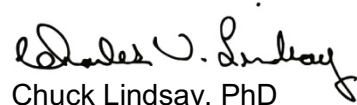
Vaccine distribution (employees only): New York has begun its vaccine distribution, and while vaccines have been distributed in our region, the quantity available is not meeting demand. To find out if you are currently eligible, visit <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov>. If you are eligible, the site will provide information on how to schedule an appointment to get the vaccine. Individuals being vaccinated must bring proof of eligibility to the vaccination site. This may include an employee ID card, a letter from an employer or affiliated organization, or a pay stub, depending on the specific priority status. **Keep in mind, although you may be eligible to register now, it does not guarantee the vaccine is currently available in our area.**

We will continue to monitor the vaccine distribution and provide updates.

As the EC community returns to campus, it is imperative that all students and employees follow all [COVID-19 protocols](#) to help ensure we can offer in-person classes. This includes wearing a mask when physical distancing is not possible and limiting travel and in-person meetings or events. It is also important for those who may have received the vaccine to continue to follow these protocols. While the vaccine helps protect you from contracting the virus, it does not reduce your risk of spreading the virus.

I remain optimistic as we head into Term II and I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Sincerely,



Chuck Lindsay, PhD
President