



## ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 21, 2021

Welcome Back Students!

We were pleased to welcome each of you back to campus this past weekend! Term II classes are underway in a virtual format, which provides an opportunity for everyone to return and quarantine before transitioning to in-person classes on February 1.

### **REMINDERS**

**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 the Morris Classroom, Meier Hall.** 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. Staff and administrators should confirm their schedules with their supervisor. Testing for staff, administrators, graduate assistants 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.

**Vaccine distribution (employees only):** The vaccine demand in our region continues to outpace the supply, but some EC employees, who meet NYS's current criteria, have successfully received the vaccine. 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.

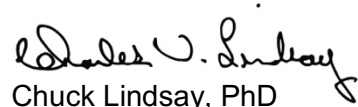
**Random testing for all employees and students on campus will begin the week of January 25.** You will be contacted by the Clarke Health Center when/if you need to be tested. Testing will occur in the Clarke Health Center and should take approximately 15-20 minutes. Even if you have had the vaccine, you must still participate in the random testing. We want to be sure the vaccine is doing its job.

The College will host a virtual event for students and parents on Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. The goal of the event is to share a brief College update, important health reminders, information on what Campus Life has planned for the Term, and to hear an Athletics update.

There will be an opportunity to submit questions. Login information will be sent to students via email (please share with your parents), posted to MyEC, and shared within our [Eagles Nest](#) parent portal.

**The success of this Term largely depends on all students and employees following the [COVID-19 protocols](#).** This includes wearing a mask when physical distancing is not possible and limiting travel and in-person meetings or events. Those who may have received the vaccine must still follow the protocols since, while the vaccine helps protect you from contracting the virus, it does not reduce your risk of spreading the virus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Lindsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in Lindsay.

Chuck Lindsay, PhD  
President