



ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 19, 2020

Dear EC Community,

The Fall Term is nearly here! Plans for Fall Orientation are almost complete and residence halls are being prepped. Faculty are returning to campus and students will begin arriving next week. The excitement of a new academic year is palpable.

As we look forward to welcoming everyone to campus, I want to reassure you - students and employees - that the College has been working diligently to ensure that our reopening plan and protocols are in line with New York State and local health guidelines in order to provide a safe learning and working environment for all members of the EC community.

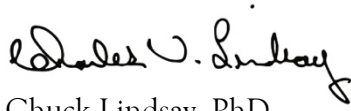
While the full Reopening Guidelines are available on the [Elmira College website](#), please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the highlights listed below:

- **All students and employees** should complete the Elmira College Wellness Pledge. This includes reviewing a PowerPoint with information about the virus, symptoms, best practices recommended by health and/or government authorities, and an acknowledgement that you have read and understand expectations for protecting your own health as well as the health of other members of the campus community. [The PowerPoint is available on MyEC.](#)
- **All students AND employees** must complete 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.](#)
- Face coverings are required, per New York State guidelines, in any common areas where physical distancing is not possible. This includes classrooms.
- Identities of students housed in isolation and quarantine will be kept as confidential as possible. I ask that you consider the privacy of your roommates, classmates, and colleagues before posting or sharing news of a positive case on social media. The College, in accordance with HIPAA, FERPA, and other applicable federal and state privacy and confidentiality laws, will not release the name of an infected individual but will work closely with the Chemung County Health Department for appropriate contact tracing.

It is imperative that everyone do their part to follow the guidelines put into place - not only to help ensure that we can maintain in-person classes this Term, but also for the health and safety of your friends and co-workers.

This will not be our typical Fall Term, but I am confident that the EC spirit will prevail and our campus community will find innovative - and fun - ways to adapt and build a stronger, tighter EC community with memories that will last a lifetime. Mountain Day today is not the same as it was when it started in 1919, yet it remains one of the most beloved EC traditions. And that's part of making your college experience your own, and leaving your mark on EC's history and traditions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Lindsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C" and a flourish at the end.

Chuck Lindsay, PhD
President