



# ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 24, 2020

Dear EC Community,

As we learn of additional cases of COVID-19 affecting individual members of our campus community, I wanted to share the following information to confirm the steps and protocols that are in place at Elmira College.

Immediate steps if an on-campus student or employee tests positive for the coronavirus:

## Students

- If an on-campus student receives a positive test notification, that student will immediately be placed in isolation.
  - Isolation for residential students is on the third floor of Anderson Hall. Commuter students should isolate at home.
  - Returning home is an option for residential students who are able and have private transportation.
- The Chemung County Health Department will be notified and the Health Department will initiate contact tracing. The CCHD will notify those who are known to have had direct contact with the infected individual. This includes other students, faculty, and staff.
- Students who had direct contact with the affected individual, but who are not exhibiting symptoms, will be asked to quarantine. The first and second floor of Anderson Hall will be used for quarantine.
- Students will be required to quarantine/isolate until medically cleared to resume their normal activities.
- All other students should continue to monitor their personal health situations. Current Health Department recommendations are: NO MEASURES need to be taken unless you exhibit symptoms of cough, shortness of breath, fever, and/or loss of taste or smell. If you experience these symptoms, **ONLY THEN** should you contact the Clarke Health Center, 607-735-1750 or [clarkehealth@elmira.edu](mailto:clarkehealth@elmira.edu), or your healthcare provider.
- Full details on isolation and quarantine measures for students can be found in the [Reopening Guidelines](#), beginning on page. 10.

## Employees

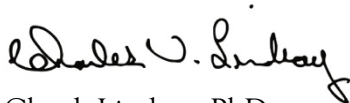
- If an employee receives a positive test notification, that employee will immediately be placed in isolation. Employees should isolate at home.
- The Chemung County Health Department will be notified and they will initiate contact tracing. The CCHD will notify those who are known to have had direct contact with the infected individual. This includes other employees and students.
- Employees who had direct contact with the affected individual, but who are not exhibiting symptoms, may be asked to quarantine. Employees should quarantine at home.
- Employees will be required to quarantine/isolate until medically cleared to resume their normal activities.
- All other employees should continue to monitor their personal health situations. Current Health Department recommendations are: NO MEASURES need to be taken unless you exhibit symptoms of cough, shortness of breath, fever, and/or loss of taste or smell. If you experience these symptoms, **ONLY THEN** do you need to contact your healthcare provider.

**Do not call or email the Clarke Health Center unless you are exhibiting symptoms.** CHC staff must focus on those with a positive test result and/or who are exhibiting symptoms. The Chemung County Health Department will contact you if you need to quarantine.

Additionally, Arnot Health has established a special toll-free Helpline, which students and employees who are experiencing any COVID-19 type symptoms can call seven days a week, from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 1-800-952-2662 (hours may change with holidays). Nurses and Medical Providers are available to assess your level of risk and help you determine whether to self-quarantine or, if medically indicated, seek care at the appropriate location.

Our main focus remains the safety and health of our entire campus community. I encourage you to review and acquaint yourself with our [Reopening Guidelines](#) on the [elmira.edu](http://elmira.edu) website, so that you are informed and prepared. All students and employees should continue to monitor their personal health situations and continue to wear face coverings and practice safe, physical distancing.

Sincerely,



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President