

December 16, 2020

Dear EC Community,

As we near the end of the calendar year, I wanted to share our tentative timeline for January 2021.

Our intention is to begin Term II with in-person classes. However, given current uncertainties related to the coronavirus, this is contingent upon many factors including Chemung County's zone status, any new directives from Governor Cuomo, the rate of infection in New York and our region, and roll-out of a vaccine. Administration will monitor the situation and provide an update by January 5.

Prior to returning to campus, residential students will need to provide a negative COVID-19 test result dated within 5 days of return. In addition, all students and employees will be tested upon return to campus and random testing will occur each week throughout the term.

It is important that you continue to check your EC email and MyEC throughout the break for important updates and/or revisions to the following, TENTATIVE timeline:

1/11/21 - move-in for students from non-contiguous states who need to quarantine (need negative test results dated 1/6-1/10)

1/16/21 and 1/17/21 - move-in for students from NYS or contiguous state (need negative test results dated 1/12-1/16)

1/15/21 - New student orientation (move-in 1/14; need negative test results dated 1/11-1/13)

1/17/21 - Dining Services opens for meal plans

1/19/21 - In-person Classes begin

Residential Students: it is important to note that once on campus for Term II, you must remain on campus 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.

Employees should continue to work remotely as appropriate. Once our region of Chemung County is cleared from the orange zone, we will assess the situation and communicate updates and return-to-work plans.

We continue to monitor the coronavirus situation and, for the health and safety of our campus community, continue to develop and refine plans to bring students and employees back to campus. It is imperative that students and employees follow the <u>coronavirus protocols put into place</u> in order to ensure we are able to offer in-person classes in Term II. This includes physical distancing and mask protocols.

We are all looking forward to the day when the coronavirus is behind us, but for now, we must remain vigilant.

Wishing you a healthy and joyous holiday season,

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