



# ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 21, 2020

Dear EC Community,

Chemung County Health Department (CCHD) has approved our plan to begin bringing students and employees back to campus and resume in-person classes. It is important that you carefully read the information below.

All residential students must be tested upon return to campus and will be assigned a time for on-campus testing and check-in with Residence Life.\*\*

**Students shall not return to campus at any time other than their scheduled return/testing time and will not be permitted into their residence hall until cleared through the on-campus testing.** Students who violate this directive are subject to the COVID-19 Sanctions posted on [MyEC](#).

*\*\*It is important to note that if an individual had previously tested positive, the virus can remain detectable for up to 8 weeks following the initial infection. If a student had previously tested positive, they must upload the image of the test results to the [student health portal](#) and contact the Clarke Health Center before scheduling a return to campus.*

## **Returning to Campus for Students Who Went Home**

Do not return to campus if you are sick or have recently had contact with anyone who has since tested positive for COVID-19.

**All students who left campus and plan to return are [required to complete the Google form](#) to convey their intent for the rest of the Term – if you have not done this, it must be completed by **midnight tonight, Wednesday, October 21**. If you have not completed this form, you will not be assigned a test/return time.**

Per CCHD guidelines, students who are returning to campus from states on the [New York State Travel Advisory list](#) will be required to be tested and to quarantine upon return.

**Students will be tested in a large-scale testing event on Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, in partnership with CCHD.** That event will occur in Speidel Gymnasium and students will receive specific instructions from Residence Life. Testing takes approximately 15 minutes per individual, from

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specimen collection to result.

Classes will continue online through Wednesday, October 28, with in-person classes resuming on Thursday, October 29. Faculty have been notified of the testing schedule to allow flexibility in attendance for virtual classes.

**Again, students will receive an email from the Office of Residence Life with their test day/time and the details on procedures for their test day. Students are not allowed to return to campus at any time other than their scheduled return/testing time and will not be permitted into their residence hall until cleared through the on-campus testing.** Students who violate this directive are subject to the COVID-19 Sanctions posted on [MyEC](#).

### **Commuter Students and Students Currently On Campus**

Commuter students and students currently on campus are not required to participate in the staged testing. Testing is open to commuter students if they choose to participate. Any commuter student wishing to participate must schedule an appointment with the Clarke Health Center.

### **Employees**

Do not return to campus if you are sick or have recently had contact with anyone who has since tested positive for COVID-19. Employees currently working on campus should continue to do so. Employees who are currently working remotely should return to campus work by Wednesday, October 28. If you have questions, contact your supervisor. Employees are not required to participate in the staged testing.

### **On-Going Testing for All Students and Employees**

In addition to testing students and employees who are symptomatic, the College will perform 50 random tests per week on the Elmira College community (students and employees) utilizing the College's on-campus system. Random selection will occur on a weekly basis while the College is in session.

**There is no cost for EC students and employees for required on-campus testing** (including the staged testing for students and random weekly testing for students and employees).

Students and employees, who are not required to take a test but would like to be tested, should contact the Clarke Health Center once the return to campus is complete to confirm availability of test kits for optional testing. Optional tests are \$75 per test.

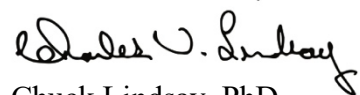
- For Students: the CHC will submit the bill directly to the student's health insurance.
- For Employees: payment for the test should be made through the Business Office. Employees should then submit a receipt to their health insurance provider.

It is recommended that you check your insurance carrier's policy regarding coronavirus tests prior to scheduling an optional test.

The full plan currently approved by the Chemung County Health Department is attached to this email as well as posted to MyEC. I strongly recommend that you take time to review the full information.

We are excited to welcome everyone back to campus and look forward to finishing out Term I with in-person classes, provided there are no further mandates issued by Chemung County or New York State. **The ability to remain on campus will require everyone to follow current COVID-19 guidelines.** Together, we can finish this term strong and pave the way for a successful on-campus Term II.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black 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