



ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 21, 2020

Dear Students,

As a follow-up to President Lindsay's email earlier today, please carefully review the following details for your return to campus.

All Students

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

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](#).

Students Returning to Campus From Off-Campus

All residential students currently off-campus must be tested upon their return to campus.

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.

Each student will be assigned a day and time by Residence Life for on-campus testing and check-in. **You will not be permitted into your residence hall until cleared through the on-campus testing.** Testing takes approximately 15 minutes per individual, from specimen collection to result.

All returning students must be tested. Per Health Department guidance, negative test results from an off-campus test will not be accepted. In addition, 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 you had previously tested positive, you 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.

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.

On your scheduled day, you should arrive at Lot R (directly across from the Campus Field) parking lot no earlier than 30 minutes and no later than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled test/return time. If you are early you will be asked to return at your appointed time. **You must remain in your car until otherwise instructed.**

At your scheduled time, EC staff will direct you to leave your car and enter Speidel Gymnasium through the main doors near the Bell Tower. You must follow these steps:

- Follow all mask and physical distancing protocols at all times.
- Check-in at the registration table.
- When directed, proceed to a testing station.
- Once your test results are returned, head to the Residence Life table in Speidel Gymnasium:
 - **Students who test positive** will be assigned an isolation space in one of the designated areas on campus for their 10-day isolation period. Residence Life staff will escort you to your car to retrieve your belongings and then to your isolation space. It is important that you pack enough clothing and bedding just in case you receive a positive test result. You will not be able to retrieve items from your regularly assigned residence hall room.
 - **Students who test negative** will be given a clearance form to present to Residence Life staff as verification that you are approved to return to your residence hall and your card access will be turned on. Please then exit the building through the Emergency doors on the Campus Center side and proceed to your assigned residence hall.

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.

Thank you all for your continued patience,

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