



## ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear EC Community,

I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday break and that your new year is off to a great start. As we look towards the beginning of Term II, I wanted to share some updates on our plans for the Term.

College administration has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation over the holiday break, and in order to safeguard our campus community, we are adjusting the Term II schedule slightly.

**Term II classes will begin on January 19, in an online format, with in-person instruction targeted to begin on February 1.**

The two-week online instruction period provides a safeguard for our campus community as we transition students and employees back to campus, and follows a model suggested by New York State and adopted by other institutions. This model also increases the possibility of further vaccine distribution in our region and the country.

**Chemung County has reviewed our Term II Return Plan and has given us approval to begin bringing residential students back to campus on January 11.** That plan is attached to this email and will be posted MyEC.

The tentative timeline I shared in December remains as follows:

**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** - Classes begin

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

Prior to returning to campus, residential students will need to provide a negative COVID-19 test result dated within 5 days of return. The Office of Residence Life and the Clarke Health Center shared additional details, which meet New York State testing and quarantine requirements, via email on December 22. A copy of that email is available on [MyEC](#).

**Commuter, Part-time Students and Graduate Students:** an on-campus test time will be scheduled within one week of the start of in-person classes. Those who do not report for testing when scheduled will need to have a negative test result or documentation of a positive COVID diagnostic result from the prior three-month period uploaded to the student portal within five days of the start of in-person classes.

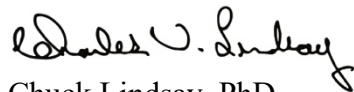
**Employees (faculty, staff, administrators, and graduate assistants):** you should continue to work remotely as appropriate. Essential employees may drop in for testing on 1/5/21, 1/6/21, or 1/7/21 at the Clarke Health Center between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Testing for non-essential employees will be scheduled within one week of the start of in-person classes. If you have any questions, contact your supervisor.

Evidence points to the importance of on-going testing, so in addition to testing those who may be symptomatic, students and employees will participate in weekly random testing throughout the term. Tests will be administered on campus and the costs covered by the College. Student-athletes will adhere to all NCAA, state, and league testing requirements.

**All students and employees have a responsibility to help keep the campus community safe by following [all COVID-19 protocols](#).** This includes wearing a mask when physical distancing is not possible and limiting travel and in-person meetings or events.

As always, our plans are contingent upon any new directives from Governor Cuomo, the rate of infection in New York and our region, and roll-out of a vaccine. College administration continues to monitor the situation, but I remain optimistic that 2021 will be a positive and safe experience for the entire EC community.

I look forward to seeing you on campus soon,



Chuck Lindsay, PhD  
President

P.S. Go Soaring Eagles!