

December 10, 2021

Dear Students,

Before you transition into the nirvana of holiday break, I want to convey some things you may want to know prior to Term II.

- In January, I will be communicating a process for allowing **overnight guests** next term. All non-EC student guests will need to be pre-registered, vaccinated, and arrive with a negative COVID test result. The "no guests in the residence halls" policy is not being rescinded; however, it will be modified to allow for approved overnight guests to continue to keep our campus population healthy. More details will be shared closer to the start of the term.
- Regardless of vaccination status, you will need to provide a negative COVID test result, taken within 72 hours of arriving back on campus, prior to returning to campus for the start of Term II. Test results are to be uploaded to the student health portal: https://elmira.studenthealthportal.com/before/your return.
- There will be a vaccination clinic on campus during the first week of classes (January 10-14). This will be an opportunity for first vaccinations as well as boosters for our campus community. There will be another clinic on campus several weeks later. Again, more details will be shared via email and on MyEC closer to the start of the term.
- The NYS Hero Act is still active and is scheduled to be revisited by Governor Hochul on December 15, 2021. As long as the Hero Act is activated, we must continue with indoor masking. I will continue to monitor this for any changes.

Parkhurst Dining is also looking for students to take a brief survey to get an estimated idea of dietary restrictions we may have on campus in order to better accommodate student needs. For example, if they see a higher percentage in a dairy allergy, they would try to limit menu items containing dairy. Please take a few minutes to answer these anonymous questions: <a href="https://forms.gle/C2jdKqWZV6N4yZWK9">https://forms.gle/C2jdKqWZV6N4yZWK9</a>.

As always, let me know if you have any questions or need anything during the break. I wish you and your families a safe, happy holiday season!

Warm regards, Liz

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