

ELMIRA COLLEGE

August 31, 2021

The College's current mask policy is that anyone who is not fully vaccinated must wear a mask indoors and outdoors and should follow social distancing guidelines. However, **it is strongly encouraged that all individuals wear a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status.** The full EC 2021-2022 Coronavirus Guidelines are available on the [homepage of MyEC](#).

During the 2020-2021 academic year, the majority of positive coronavirus cases at EC, and at other campuses across the nation, resulted from close, extended contact in residence halls. As identified through contact tracing, there was very little transmission of the virus in classrooms or the dining hall.

As Term I gets underway, here are some suggestions to help mitigate the transmission of the virus and keep our campus safe:

- Wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, while indoors.
- Hold meetings (students and employees) outside, in large open spaces, or virtually.
- Students: avoid "hanging out" inside in close quarters for extended periods of time. Residential students should limit gatherings in residence hall rooms.
- Participate in the College's random testing when notified.
- Get the vaccine sooner rather than later. While the vaccine does not prevent transmission of the virus, it greatly reduces the severity of the virus if contracted.

EC's first on-campus vaccine clinic is tomorrow, Wednesday, September 1 in Cowles Hall. Pre-registration for that clinic is full, but walk-ins are welcomed and encouraged. Three additional clinics are scheduled for:

- **Sept. 13**, 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Register now: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/860b01bdfad7405698279943366f7eaa>
- **Sept. 22**, 11:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Register now: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d3563d076ce24fe4aa4e5cde8be440d2>
- **Oct. 4**, 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Register now: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e067f6f0b6624a718b401325f7ce6563>

All clinics will be in the Cowles Hall Rotunda and are free. The Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available at each clinic. All students and employees must be fully vaccinated by Friday, October 8. You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.