



# ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 29, 2020

Dear EC Community,

Most of the City of Elmira remains in an Orange Zone, as identified by Governor Cuomo. To that end, students who are currently off campus must remain off campus and employees working remotely will continue to do so.

In addition to testing symptomatic students and employees who are living/working on campus, the College will implement random COVID-19 testing this week to help curb any potential campus spread. Testing takes approximately 15 minutes per individual, from specimen collection to result. Specimens will be collected at the Clarke Health Center in Exam Room 3, which is removed from the nurse's station and routine exam areas.

It is important to note that if an individual tests positive, the virus can remain detectable for up to 8 weeks following the initial infection. As a result, students and employees who previously tested positive, are not required to participate in the random testing until 8 weeks after their positive result.

Each week students and employees will be notified by the Clarke Health Center if they are required to participate in the random testing.

Random selection will continue on a weekly basis while the College is in session. If you have a question related to the random testing, please email [covid19@elmira.edu](mailto:covid19@elmira.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chuck Lindsay'.

Chuck Lindsay, PhD  
President