



ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

September 25, 2020

Dear Students,

As you already know, we are moving to all online classes on Monday, September 28. The campus remains open and our Residence Life, Student Life, Campus Safety, Counseling, and Clarke Health Center staff (among others) are here to support you through this transitional period.

There are some things that I'd like to clarify or reinforce:

1. All of the COVID-19 Guidelines (attached) that we are enforcing are still in place. **No one is to enter a residence hall other than their own.** Face coverings must be worn whenever you leave your room. Please be sure to wear your face coverings appropriately, with both your nose and mouth covered.
2. **Please do not leave campus during these two weeks unless it is absolutely necessary.** You and our EC community are much safer if you remain on campus and attend your classes virtually. Any students who knowingly host or attend off-campus parties will face student conduct sanctions after an investigation is conducted.
3. When socializing, please utilize the outdoors as much as possible. You should wear your face coverings whenever you cannot be at least 6' apart. Please do not gather in groups larger than 10 people.
4. **Minimize the number of people in your residence hall room;** please consider wearing face coverings when you do have guests. It is highly recommended that students only socialize with others living on their own residence hall floor. Note that our **alcohol policy will be strictly enforced.**
5. **Dining Hall hours and procedures are not changing.** Please be sure to appropriately distance when seated in the Dining Hall.
6. The **Library will be open at their posted hours,** which have not changed.
7. If you are feeling sick at any time, please self-quarantine in your room until you can seek medical attention. Be sure to notify a residence life staff member of your symptoms. If you have questions, please contact the Arnot Health toll-free helpline, which is available seven days a week, from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 1-800-952-2662. Nurses and medical providers are available to assess your level of risk and help you determine whether to self-quarantine or seek care at an appropriate location.

8. If you're feeling anxious or just want someone to talk to, please reach out to Dr. Kevin Murphy to schedule an appointment for a virtual counseling session, he can be reached at kmurphy@elmira.edu.

A COVID-19 reporting form will be available very soon so that you will be able to report any instances where a campus community member is not following our safety protocols or to get clarification on our policies and procedures related to the pandemic. You will be notified when it is available for your use. Students, **please make wise choices and follow the guidelines** we have put in place to keep our campus safe and operating. If you are not heeding our requirements and recommendations, you not only put yourself at risk, but you are putting others in our community at risk. Our expectations are clear, and I know that you want to remain on campus, so please do your part to follow the guidelines. Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,
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