

# ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

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Dear Residents,

Believe it or not, the time has come for us to talk about a well-deserved Spring Break! I know that I am looking forward to some sunshine and warmer weather. With that, I wanted to take the time to send some guidelines and updated information.

All residence halls will close at **Noon on Saturday, April 17, 2021**. For those who are looking to stay for the break, please fill out the [2021 Spring Break Request Form](#) by Wednesday, April 7, 2021. **A reminder that during the break, dining services will be limited, all Code of Conduct and COVID-19 Guidelines apply, and the campus is "dry" for the entirety of the break.**

### **Return to Campus Procedure for Term III:**

All residence halls will open again at **Noon on Sunday, April 25, 2021**. At this time, per New York State and Chemung County guidelines, return-to-campus guidelines will be similar to what was in place for Term II. If guidelines change prior to April 25, 2021, we will let students know.

Per Governor Cuomo, domestic **travelers to New York State who have been vaccinated no longer have to quarantine** or test out within 90 days of their full vaccination. Students who have been fully vaccinated will need to provide proof of vaccination to the Clarke Health Center to be cleared to return to campus.

**Students from New York and other contiguous states (PA, NJ, MA, CT, and VT)** will need to submit a negative COVID test result from a test taken within 5 days of **Sunday, April 25, 2021**. Test results need to be uploaded into the student health portal <https://elmira.studenthealthportal.com/> (Use your EC username and password to log in, go to the "document upload" tab, browse documents, and upload to the portal). Results will be reviewed by the staff at the Clarke Health Center.

### **Students from non-contiguous states (everywhere except NY, PA, MA, CT, and VT)**

1) As per New York State requirements, students will need to submit a negative COVID test result to the Clarke Health Center within five days of departure and then will need to quarantine in New York State or a contiguous state (NJ, CT, PA, CT, and VT) for three days and get tested on the fourth day. Upon the presentation of two negative COVID test results to the Clarke Health Center, students may resume normal activities. Quarantine will start upon return on **Sunday, April 25, 2021**. With current quarantine timelines, students in quarantine should prepare to start classes online and then transition to in-person classes upon the conclusion of their quarantine period.

2) To quarantine, students may either stay on-campus or off-campus in either New York or in a contiguous state (NJ, CT, PA, MA, and VT). For students who quarantine on campus, space has been set aside in Anderson Hall. Meals will be provided by Elmira College via Parkhurst Dining three times a day. Students in quarantine will receive regular check-ins from

staff members. For students quarantining on campus, testing will be done by the Clarke Health Center on the fourth day of quarantine to verify if students can return to their residence halls and normal activities. For students who choose to quarantine off-campus, proof of entry to New York State or a contiguous state, with a date indicating a quarantine start date will be required to be submitted along with proof of a negative COVID test on the fourth day of the quarantine, to the Clarke Health Center to be cleared to return to campus. **Note for those quarantining off-campus, testing should also be completed off-campus prior to arrival. The Clarke Health Center will only test students who quarantine on campus.**

**Students who are returning to campus from non-contiguous states will need to indicate their plans on the form here: [Term III Out-of-State Information Sheet](#) by Monday, April 12, 2021.**

For students who previously had a positive COVID test result, Chemung County Health Department has advised that if it has been greater than three months since that test result, students will need to test again and submit results prior to returning to campus. This means that if you tested positive prior to January 25, 2021 you will need to be tested again. Specific questions about this can be directed to the Clarke Health Center at [clarkehealth@elmira.edu](mailto:clarkehealth@elmira.edu).

Again, these procedures meet current New York State and Chemung County guidelines. If those guidelines change prior to April 25, 2021, we will let students know.

I wish each of you a wonderful, restful break and I look forward to seeing you all for Term III.

Karl

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