

# ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE

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Dear Students,

Thank you so much for all that you've gone through to get tested for COVID-19 prior to the start of Term II. I know that it was challenging for some of you, and I'm so glad that you contacted me so that we could work together on a solution. Our main goal is to limit the number of positive cases on campus. Remember, if you feel symptomatic, please go to the Clarke Health Center (CHC) to be tested anytime during business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday. If you feel ill during the weekend or after hours, please self-isolate, wear your mask at all times, and contact the CHC first thing on Monday morning.

There are some wonderful changes to look forward to upon your return to campus:

- The class gift from the Visionary Class of 2020 is two new pool tables located in MacKenzies, complete with purple felt. There are also brand new deluxe accessories to accompany the tables.
- The 1855 Room has been repainted and refreshed, complete with a flat-screen TV to enjoy while you're there. Check out items on the bulletin board while you wait for your order.
- BRAVO is back open again for lunch Monday - Friday! There are new team members who are currently in training and then it will be up and running for dinner as well.
- The old Chapel/Office/Fitness Center in Emerson Hall has been turned into a student lounge. Currently, there is a large comfortable seating area with TV, a couple of study/eating/game tables, and a ping pong table. The lounge is open whenever Emerson Hall is open. The lounge cannot be reserved, and it is open to ALL students.
- This January Elmira College hockey will be featured at the First Arena in downtown Elmira. EC Men's hockey takes on Hobart on January 21, followed by women's hockey facing Johnson & Wales on January 29. These games are walkable to attend so stay tuned for information from Campus Life about events, free swag, and walking together in groups for both games!

To keep our campus community healthy, in addition to the random weekly testing that will continue, it is strongly recommended that students receive a vaccine booster as soon as you are eligible. The College is hosting host [two vaccine clinics in Cowles Hall in January/February](#) at which attendees can receive any of the three vaccines. Please remember that we are required to wear our masks while indoors – this is a New York State mandate. For residential students, this includes every time you leave your residence hall room. I've attached updated Student COVID-19 Guidelines for Winter 2022.

Lastly, I know that you are all aware of the incident that happened at the Branch Office over the break, which has that establishment closed at this time. I want to take this opportunity to remind you to please be safe when venturing off campus, especially at night. Please do not walk alone; always walk in at least pairs, and one person should have an operational cell phone. Make sure that you have the Campus Safety number programmed in your cell phones, (607) 735-1777; the office is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. At any time, if you need or want someone to escort you while walking on the EC campus, Campus Safety officers will do so; just call them and they will meet you. If it is an emergency, however, please dial 911 directly.

I look forward to seeing you back on campus soon. If you are traveling, please be safe, and as usual, contact me with any questions and concerns.

Kind regards,  
Liz

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