

# ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE

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Good afternoon, students,

Happy New Year! I hope you are having a restful break. I have heard from quite a few students who have tested positive for COVID-19 between Term I and Term II. So many people have been affected by the highly contagious Omicron variant, my own family included (somehow I have managed to stay negative...knock on wood).

It was my goal to lessen some of the COVID-19 Guidelines for Term II, but quite a bit has changed since my last email to you. **All of the current restrictions will remain in place for the time being.** More specifically, there continues to be **no guests** (non-EC students) **allowed in the residence halls** (this includes your return to campus this weekend), there is still a **limit on the number of students in each residence hall room**, and **indoor masking will be enforced**. If you were an EC student last fall, you will remember how awful it was when we had a widespread outbreak of the virus on campus, and I know that you will agree with me when I say that I never want to experience anything like that again on our campus. Thank you for continuing to abide by the rules that are in place to keep our campus community safe.

For Term II, **all students are REQUIRED to receive a PCR test or rapid test administered by a professional testing site (e.g., urgent care, clinic, and pharmacy) and MUST upload a copy of the test result to the student health portal, <https://elmira.studenthealthportal.com>, within 72 hours PRIOR to your arrival on campus.** Rapid-result antigen home tests do not qualify. We ask that all students *please plan accordingly and schedule this test in advance to ensure it occurs in the appropriate time frame*. For a listing of testing sites (some free of cost) by state, visit this site <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>.

If you have had COVID and:

- You tested positive more than 90 days prior to your return to campus for Term II, you will need to be tested again and upload your test results within 72 hours of your return to campus; OR
- You tested positive within the 90 days leading up to your return to campus for Term II, you do NOT need to test prior to arrival, however you must upload your test results.

I recommend that you have a copy of your results with you when you return to campus just in case something goes wrong with the upload. I'm also happy to announce that I have appointed an Assistant Dean of Students to oversee residence life and act as our chief conduct officer and deputy Title IX coordinator. Jaime Panos '18, who is well known to most of you, will begin her new role on January 24. You will be able to find her in the Campus Life office suite in the Campus Center. Jaime is extremely student focused in her leadership approach, and I believe she will excel in this position.

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus. As usual, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. More information you will need to know as you transition back to campus life will be communicated in additional emails, so please be sure to check every day.

Kind regards,  
Liz

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