

September 15, 2021

Dear Elmira College Community,

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through recent changes on campus related to the pandemic. I know that many of us had become accustomed to not having to wear a mask any longer, me included; however, it is what we must do to be in compliance with our Hero Act plan, keep our campus community safe, and be able to continue to offer campus activities.

Please remember to wear a mask while indoors on campus, particularly whenever social distancing is not possible. This includes entering the Campus Center; of course, you may remove your mask when you are sitting at a table dining, but it needs to be put back on whenever you are walking around the dining hall. Also, please try to social distance as much as possible in the dining hall; there is plenty of room to spread out.

Congratulations to our campus community for taking action quickly on supplying your vaccination documentation to the Clarke Health Center (students) and the Office of Human Resources (employees)! The Clarke Health Center has reported that the student body is approximately 82% partially or fully vaccinated with Human Resources reporting that the employee population is around 50% partially or fully vaccinated. This is a great start to achieving full vaccination status for our campus community by the October 8, 2021 deadline. If you have not provided your vaccine record or a request for a religious or medical exemption to the applicable office, please do so as soon as possible.

For those still needing to schedule your vaccination appointment, there are two more vaccination clinics on the Elmira College campus. Students and employees can register for one of the remaining two clinics:

- September 22, 11:00 a.m. 5 p.m. Register now: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d3563d076ce24fe4aa4e5cde8be440d2
- October 4, 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
 Register now: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e067f6f0b6624a718b401325f7ce6563

Pre-registration is not required; walk-ins are welcome. All clinics will be in the Cowles Hall Rotunda and are free. The Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available at each clinic.

As we move toward an increased number of our campus population being fully vaccinated, along with the indoor mask mandate, we anticipate a robust Term I with our upcoming events for Mountain Day, Family Weekend, and Octagon Fair!

Graciously, Liz

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