



ELMIRA COLLEGE

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

December 21, 2020

Dear Students,

I hope that this message finds you and your families safe and healthy. As a follow-up to the message sent on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, from President Lindsay, I wanted to send out additional updates and guidance as we prepare for the Winter 2021 term.

All Residential Students:

1) Students will need to submit proof of a negative COVID test result within five days of their return to campus. Please use this break time to make appropriate arrangements for testing. For students from New York State or a contiguous state (CT, PA, MA, VT and NJ), this will be five days from either Saturday, January 16, or Sunday, January 17, 2021.

For students from non-contiguous states please see below.

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). Students will receive confirmation from the Clarke Health Center and Residence Life that their results have been received.

As we did for Fall Move In, students will be assigned a move in time to maintain social distancing and COVID Guidelines. More specific information will be sent out about this process as it gets closer.

2) 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 October 11, 2020, you will need to be tested again. Specific questions about this can be directed to the Clarke Health Center at clarkehealth@elmira.edu.

Students from outside New York State/ Non-Contiguous States (Everywhere except, NJ, PA, MA, VT and CT):

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, PA, MA, VT and CT) 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. For students to be able to quarantine in preparation for normal activities and the start of classes, this quarantine should start on **Monday, January 11, 2021**.

2) To quarantine, students may either stay on-campus or off-campus in either New York or in a contiguous state (NJ, PA, MA, VT and CT). 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, including international students will need to indicate their plans on the form here: [Winter 2021 Quarantine Information Form](#) by **Monday, January 4, 2021**.

Additional instructions will be relayed to these students with more information.

As with any of this, we will relay additional updates as they are made available, and we appreciate your patience. Please check your Elmira College email regularly.

For those with specific questions, please direct them to reslife@elmira.edu. As a reminder, the College is closed from December 23, 2020, to January 4, 2021, for the holidays, and responses will be limited.

From all of us in Campus and Residence Life, I wish you and your families continued health and safety through the holiday season and we look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Sincerely,
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