



ELMIRA COLLEGE

CLARKE HEALTH CENTER

August 03, 2021

Welcome Students,

I hope that you are staying safe and healthy this summer, and we want to do our best to keep you that way when you arrive for Fall Term.

As you prepare for your arrival, please note the below health guidelines we are putting in place, based on recent recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and NY State Department of Health (NYSDOH). While based on current information, please keep in mind the fluidity of the situation, particularly as new COVID-19 variants spread rapidly. We will continue to closely monitor for changes and will send updates as needed.

GUIDELINES AS OF AUGUST 3, 2021

- **Prior** to the start of Fall Term, all students (residential and commuter) will need to either:
 - **Show proof of vaccination** (if you haven't already, upload a copy of your vaccination card to the [Student Health Portal](#))
- **OR**
 - **Upload a NEGATIVE result to the Student Health Portal on a COVID-19 Test** performed within 5 days of arrival on campus
- Per NYSDOH and CDC guidelines, unvaccinated individuals are responsible for **continuing to wear a mask indoors and outdoors**. *At this time*, those who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask. However, this could change so please be sure to bring at least two washable, fabric face coverings.
- **Social distancing is also no longer required for those who are fully vaccinated** (people are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.)
- Vaccines are not currently mandated but are **strongly recommended**. See below for details about upcoming vaccine clinics on Sept. 1 and Sept. 22.
- **Any student who needs a mask/face covering will be provided one** upon request from the Clarke Health Center; however, students are encouraged to provide their own.
- **Hand sanitizer** is available at building entrances and common areas.

We are currently reviewing and updating our 2021-2022 Coronavirus Guideline documentation and will soon post an updated version to the MyEC Portal. Please continue to review the MyEC Portal frequently for updates and details.

Also, if you have had symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste/smell) and/or you have had a COVID test administered off-campus, please email the Clarke Health Center at clarkehealth@elmira.edu right away.

We care about you and that makes keeping each and every one of you safe our most important goal.

Best,
Wendy

Wendy M. Fiscus
Nurse Practitioner,
Director of Health Services

REMINDER:

We are holding COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sept 1 and Sept 22 in the Rotunda of Cowles Hall. It's free and anyone 12 years old or older is eligible. [Read here](#) for more details and to sign up.