



COVID-19 Guidelines

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Elmira College is committed to supporting the academic mission of the college and continuing to create an environment where students live where they learn. Elmira College will implement appropriate policies, procedures, and protocol to aid in minimizing the spread of COVID-19. We do expect students to abide by these guidelines to ensure the health and safety of the whole Elmira College community. Students who violate these guidelines will be subject to sanctions noted in the Elmira College COVID-19 Sanction Guide. Although these guidelines include protocol for the residence halls, the expectation is that ALL students will abide by them.

Specific measures include, but are not limited to:

- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Elmira College has established guidelines for the health and safety of the whole community. These include following social distancing protocols while physically on Elmira's campus and in college-owned facilities. Best practices dictate 6 feet between individuals.
- Students are required to complete and submit a daily COVID-19 self-screening. PC users will receive a reminder when they log onto the EC network; Mac users will need to set a reminder. The online form is available on the homepage of MyEC.
- **Guests will not be permitted in the residence halls** or other campus buildings. Overnight guests are not permitted. **Residents will not be permitted to visit residents in other residence halls.** Residents may only be in their assigned residence hall. Guests of the same residence hall are limited to one guest per resident, e.g., two residents and two guests in a double occupancy room.
- We encourage students to utilize common spaces while maintaining social distancing and wearing appropriate face coverings and ensure that the amount of people in individual rooms is kept to the required amount (see previous bullet point).
- Residence Halls will have updated signage to reflect social distancing. All residents are required to follow them at all times.
- Study rooms, practice rooms, and lounge areas will be limited in occupancy so that people can maintain social distancing. Appropriate face coverings must be worn while present in any of these areas, as well as in any common areas (inside and outside). College personnel will adhere to all government mandated guidelines and will clean and disinfect common areas and restrooms daily using EPA-approved products.
- **Students are discouraged from going home during weekends or breaks and leaving Chemung County.**
- Elevator occupancy will be limited to 50% occupancy at any one time. Face coverings must be worn at all times.
- Frequent reminders about proper hand hygiene and COVID-19 prevention are posted in highly visible areas and verbally discussed by residence life staff.
- Residence Life staff members will participate in specialized training sessions to enhance their ability to identify and address health-related concerns in residence halls.
- Students with known or suspected exposure to COVID-19, who display any symptoms, or who have received a positive test result must report this information to the Clarke Health Center immediately for appropriate follow up. This may include relocation to isolation housing, alternative methods for food access and/or delivery, participation in contact tracing protocol, and/or transitioning to alternative course delivery methods.
- College personnel will continue to offer educational and social development opportunities using appropriate social distancing techniques and/or technology-based methods.

Failure to adhere to any of these directives may result in disciplinary action. Note that these guidelines are subject to change at any time. Updated information will be relayed to all students.