

COVID-19 Update: May 5, 2020



This twice-weekly newsletter contains important information about UW-Eau Claire's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and offers Blugolds details on how to access key resources and assist others on our campuses and in our communities.

Blugolds help lead long-term care facilities through pandemic

A dedicated group of Blugold alumni, including Kendall Rosemeyer, administrator at Dove Healthcare – West Eau Claire, are charged with overseeing the care of some of the Chippewa Valley's most vulnerable residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read about how UW-Eau Claire alumni](#) are helping lead long-term care facilities during these difficult times.

UW-Claire faculty talk about learning to cope

UW-Eau Claire faculty in psychology want to share a clear message with everyone trying to cope during this unprecedented pandemic: Humans are remarkably resilient. Dr. Mary Beth Leibham and Dr. Michael Axelrod agree that everyone struggles with their emotional well-being during stressful situations, and they remind all of us how important it is to be supportive to those around us. [See the video and story with important messages](#) about mental health in the era of COVID-19.

Drive-through testing available May 10, 11

The health departments in Eau Claire and Dunn counties are working with assistance from the National Guard to provide free drive-through testing for any individual with COVID-19 symptoms on Sunday and Monday at Chippewa Valley Technical College/Prevea Health Clinic. The testing will be from 8 a.m.-5

p.m. Sunday and from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday. For more information about the testing, call the COVID-19 Call Center at 715-831-7425 or visit the [Eau Claire City-County Health Department Facebook page](#).

Students capture real-time history of the pandemic

Students in Dr. Cheryl Jiménez Frei's public history class are working with UW-Eau Claire McIntyre Library archivist Greg Kocken and Chippewa Valley Museum archivist Jodi Kiffmeyer to capture the history of the pandemic and its effect on the Chippewa Valley. The students created a digital site to archive the oral histories of those impacted by COVID-19. [Read about the students' ambitious effort](#), which will be included in larger collections being compiled by universities across the country.

COVID-19 resources online

If you want up-to-date information on COVID-19 and UW-Eau Claire's response to the pandemic, visit the university's [COVID-19 Updates webpage](#), where you can find past editions of this newsletter, video messages from Chancellor Schmidt and important emails that have been shared with campus in the past month.

Vital Statistics

(as of noon Tuesday, May 5)

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Worldwide: 3,701,022

United States: 1,225,088

Wisconsin: 8,566

Eau Claire County: 43

Barron County: 7

Wood County: 2