

COVID-19 Update: May 7, 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.

Blugold finishes strong despite challenge of pandemic

The final semester of Carolyn Bauer's time at UW-Eau Claire is not what she expected, but then the biology major has become adept at taking a nontraditional path to success during her time as a Blugold. [Read about how the Rice Lake native](#) has found her way, with the help of many supportive faculty mentors, as she prepares to graduate later this month.

Drive-through testing available May 10, 11

The county 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, May 10, and Monday, May 11, at Chippewa Valley Technical College/Prevea Health Clinic. The testing will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on 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](#).

State reminds residents about import of safety at home

The pandemic has millions of people working from home, and the Wisconsin Department of Administration is sharing information to ensure people are taking proper precautions regarding electrical safety. With more computers, electrical cords and devices plugged in than ever before, the

chance for an electrical hazard increases. [Following these 10 steps can help avoid](#) an electrical fire or related problem.

UWEC CARES fund applications available

Students at all three UW-Eau Claire campuses (Eau Claire, Rice Lake and Marshfield) are strongly encouraged to take advantage of more than \$3.5 million in federal emergency funds to assist with expenses directly related to the pandemic. Even if you have previously received an Emergency Assistance grant, you are encouraged to submit another request. [Visit our webpage devoted to this fund](#) and find a link to the application.

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 Thursday, May 7)

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Worldwide: 3,881,312

United States: 1,277,606

Wisconsin: 8,901

Eau Claire County: 45

Barron County: 7

Wood County: 2