COVID-19 Update: May 14, 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.

Chippewa Valley residents asked to continue safe practices

Following the Wisconsin State Supreme Court’s decision to invalidate the extension of Gov. Evers’ “Safer-At-Home” order, Lieske Giese, director of the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, issued the following statement: “In the wake of the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling regarding the Safer-At-Home order, the Eau Claire City-County Health Department is consulting with state and local authorities about possible next steps. In the meantime, in the interests of preventing spread of COVID-19, we respectfully request that Eau Claire County residents voluntarily continue to follow safe social distancing practices.” Check the health department’s website for updates and more information about how you can keep yourself and family safe.

Virtual exhibition features students’ artwork

UW-Eau Claire’s Foster Gallery is featuring a special online exhibition to showcase the work of Bachelor of Fine Arts candidates. The work of four BFA candidates can be seen here. The work of Sarah Jo Ferraro, Edgerton; Katie Mattis, Hudson; Payton Sullivan, Racine; and Jake Taylor, Verona, is featured in the virtual exhibit. An example of the students’ work, Payton Sullivan’s “Lillian Gish,” is included in today’s newsletter.

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 14)
**Confirmed Cases of COVID-19**
Worldwide: 4,489,448
United States: 1,440,427
Wisconsin: 10,902
Eau Claire County: 61
Barron County: 11
Wood County: 4