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*This twice-monthly 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.*

## **Eau Claire City-County Health Department issues updated order**

The Eau Claire City-County Health Department issued an updated order that went into effect at midnight today. The updated order notes that public gatherings of over 50 people are strongly discouraged. Gatherings of up to 100 people (indoors) and 250 people (outdoors) are still permitted under the order. Other updates include:

- Public indoor or outdoor spaces or buildings should consider policies that require face-mask use by all workers, customers, visitors and guests.
- Occupancy of public spaces and buildings must not exceed 50% of posted occupancy.
- Any business without a posted occupancy should consider reducing occupancy by 50%.

More information on the Eau Claire City-County Health Department COVID-19 Prevention and Control Order and Respond Together Eau Claire Plan can be found on [their website](#).

## **Masks with valves must be approved by risk management office**

All faculty, staff and students are required to wear masks on campus. However, masks with valves (also called vented masks), such as some N95 models, may not be appropriate for use on campus. Masks with valves are ineffective at stopping the spread of COVID-19. Anyone seeking to wear an N95-style mask with a valve must first receive approval from UW-Eau Claire's Office of Risk Management and Safety. If

you have questions about the mask you plan to wear, send an email to [list.blugoldeoc@uwec.edu](mailto:list.blugoldeoc@uwec.edu) to set up an appointment.

## **No late fees for rental books returned by Aug. 7**

The UW-Eau Claire University Bookstore is accepting book-rental returns throughout the summer with a **final drop-off date of Friday, Aug. 7**. Students who return books by Aug. 7 will not receive a late fee; however, it is essential that all books be returned to prepare for the fall 2020 semester. Students can return books in several ways:

- **Free of charge:** Return books to campus. Book-return bins have been placed in the Davies Center south-entrance vestibule on the Phillips parking lot side. Drop-off times are from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Simply drop off books and they will be scanned back to your Blugold ID.
- **Pay for shipping:** Ship books at your own cost via UPS, U.S. Postal Service or FedEx to:  
UW-Eau Claire Bookstore  
Davies Center  
77 Roosevelt Ave.  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Students can check the status of their rental books in in the self-service section of CampS. Additional questions can be emailed to [bookstore@uwec.edu](mailto:bookstore@uwec.edu).

## **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 page](#), where you can find past editions of this newsletter, video messages from Chancellor Schmidt and important emails that have been shared with campus.

## **Vital Statistics**

(as of noon Thursday, July 9)

### **Confirmed Cases of COVID-19**

**Worldwide:** 12,268,108

**United States:** 3,180,997

**Wisconsin:** 33,154

**Eau Claire County:** 307

**Barron County:** 37

**Wood County:** 93

*Look for the next COVID-19 newsletter on July 23.*

## **Integrated Marketing and Communications**

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