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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.

Blugold alumna playing critical role in collection of COVID-19 data

Alana Lemke, a 2019 UW-Eau Claire graduate who majored in biology and German, is working as a critical-care research intern at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, where she is part of a team focused on COVID-19-related research for the hospital's health system. [Read about how](#) Alana's job has shifted following the onset of the pandemic.

No late fees for rental books returned by Aug. 7

UW-Eau Claire's 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.

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 to set up an appointment.

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.

Vital Statistics

(as of noon Thursday, July 23)

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Worldwide: 15,458,309

United States: 4,118,684

Wisconsin: 44,847

Eau Claire County: 409

Barron County: 82

Wood County: 140

Look for the next COVID-19 newsletter on Aug. 6.

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