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This 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.

UW System announces extensive testing regimen for universities

Early this afternoon UW System President Tommy Thompson announced a comprehensive COVID-19 testing plan. The plan is supported by an allocation of \$32 million from the office of Gov. Tony Evers. Thompson said the testing plan, which calls for testing more than 350,000 students, will help universities in the system, including UW-Eau Claire, mitigate the spread of the virus. Read more about the [testing plan here](#).

Blugold Flight Plan launches as campus prepares for fall semester

With the start of the fall semester less than a month away, the university unveiled the Blugold Flight Plan campaign on Wednesday to help remind faculty, staff and students about the steps we all need to take in order to fly together. If you have not had the opportunity to read about the plan and watch the educational videos, take a moment to visit our [special webpage](#) and learn more about how you can stay safe.

Chemistry faculty publish research findings about COVID-19

Two chemistry faculty members, Dr. Sudeep Bhattacharyay and Dr. Sanchita Hati, worked closely with student researchers and the team in the Blugold Supercomputing Cluster to simulate biochemical reactions between the COVID-19 virus and human cells. Their findings were included in a peer-reviewed journal, ACS Omega, which is published by the American Chemical Society. [Read more about the study](#), which is yet another example of the amazing undergraduate faculty-mentored student research taking place at UW-Eau Claire.

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, Aug. 6)

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Worldwide: 19,115,415

United States: 4,995,461

Wisconsin: 56,940

Eau Claire County: 531

Barron County: 273

Wood County: 263

Look for the next Blugold Flight Plan newsletter on Aug. 13.

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