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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.*

### **Close to half of enrolled students sign Fly Right Pledge**

Nearly half of all enrolled students have signed the Fly Right Pledge two weeks after the launch of the Blugold Flight Plan. All Blugold students are required to sign the pledge by the third day of classes (Sept. 4). For students who have not yet committed to fly right, [log in today](#) so you can check this off your list before you arrive on campus.

### **'Landing Gear' pickup begins next week at Zorn Arena**

In an effort to help keep the campus community safe during the pandemic, all faculty, staff and students will receive "Landing Gear." That gear includes a special Blugold Flight Plan water bottle, two Blugold masks, a thermometer and instructions on how to stay safe this semester. Landing Gear can be picked up outside the main entrance to Zorn Arena from **8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25, and Wednesday, Aug. 26, and Sept. 1 and Sept. 2.** Students, faculty and staff must present and scan their Blugold ID when they pick up their Landing Gear. Students who live in the residence halls will not have to pick up their gear as they will receive it during check-in from Housing and Residence Life. Landing Gear will be available at the bookstore at UWEC – Barron County every day from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Aug. 25, and gear will be distributed to Marshfield faculty and students on the first clinical day. Everyone

planning to pick up Landing Gear is reminded to wear a mask and practice physical distancing around Zorn Arena.

### **COVID-19 training course available now for faculty, staff**

With the start of the fall semester less than three weeks away, all faculty and staff are reminded to take a moment to check your email for an invitation to a Canvas course on COVID-19. The training course includes a short video followed by a quiz, and all employees are asked to complete the training by Sept. 7. If you did not see an email invitation for the course or you have related questions, please contact Karen Callaway at [callawkl@uwec.edu](mailto:callawkl@uwec.edu) or 715-836-4202 in Human Resources.

### **Printing Services 'Who's Behind the Mask' buttons available**

As we are all staying safer with masks this semester, Printing Services is offering a special so you can let people know who's behind the face coverings. Faculty, staff and students on campus can order buttons for **\$1 each** with pictures (and your name, if desired.) Contact Printing Services at 715-836-5621 or [printingservices@uwec.edu](mailto:printingservices@uwec.edu) for more information.

### **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. 20)

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

**Worldwide:** 22,726,333

**United States:** 5,715,918

**Wisconsin:** 67,493

**Eau Claire County:** 679

**Barron County:** 343

**Wood County:** 389

*Look for the next Blugold Flight Plan newsletter on Aug. 27.*

### **Integrated Marketing and Communications**

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