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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.

Antigen testing program begins at UW-Eau Claire

Beginning this week, all students in university housing on and off campus will be tested for COVID-19 as part of a comprehensive antigen testing program. Testing began Tuesday for approximately 3,900 students who reside in one of the 11 university housing halls. The antigen tests, which produce results minutes after a student is tested, were made possible by a \$32 million CARES fund allocation, which the UW System and Gov. Tony Evers approved in August. Residence hall students will receive emails in their campus accounts inviting them to an online registration portal to make an appointment at McPhee Physical Education Center, which is the designated testing clinic. You can read additional details [about this program here](#).

Download Blugold Protocol and begin monitoring your health

Close to 10,000 Blugolds have downloaded and registered as users in the Blugold Protocol app, and if you have not yet added the self-monitoring app to your phone, now is the time to act. If you are an iPhone user, visit the [Apple Store](#) and download the app. If you have an Android device, visit the [Google Play store](#). If you don't use a mobile device, you can visit <https://blugold.selfmonitoringapp.com>, save it as a favorite and log your information in the desktop solution. As a Blugold Protocol user, you are asked to choose one platform — mobile app or desktop solution — to log your information. Daily entry of your health status is required, and this includes weekends and holidays throughout the 2020-21 academic year. All students, faculty and staff of UW-Eau Claire will be required to log their daily symptoms in the Blugold Protocol app. This includes days when you are not expecting to come to campus in Eau Claire, Marshfield or Barron County. You can find more information on the Blugold Protocol app on the [university webpage](#). The app will notify you if your symptoms indicate that you should consult with Student Health Service or your health care provider. For Blugolds in programs that do not require you to attend any function on campus (e.g. — 100% online programs), you are excused from using the Blugold Protocol this semester.



‘Landing Gear’ available at Davies Visitor Center, ASK Center

Thanks to the thousands of faculty, staff and students who practiced physical distancing, wore masks and picked up the Landing Gear packages over the past two weeks. The distribution of the packs, which include a special Blugold Flight Plan water bottle, two UWEC masks, a thermometer and instructions on how to stay safe this semester, was a huge success thanks to your cooperation. Students who still need to pick up their Landing Gear should go to the Visitor Center in Davies. Faculty and staff who need to pick up their Landing Gear can do so by stopping in the ASK Center in Schofield Hall. All Blugolds must present and scan their Blugold ID to pick up their Landing Gear. Students living in the residence halls do not have to pick up their gear as they will receive it from the Housing and Residence Life team. Flight Gear is available at the bookstore at UWEC — Barron County every day from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., and gear will be distributed to Marshfield faculty and students on the first clinical day.

New details about dining on campus available online

A number of health and safety measures have been put in place to allow Blugolds to fly together this year, and dining on campus, though it will look a little different, will give students, faculty and staff a number of options. You can find details about dining on campus [on a new webpage](#) on the university website. The page contains hours of operation for the various dining facilities, as well as details about food pickup and use of the Grubhub app.

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, Sept. 10)

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Worldwide: 28,224,113

United States: 6,563,484

Wisconsin: 84,881

Eau Claire County: 1,060

Barron County: 394

Wood County: 541

Look for the next Blugold Flight Plan newsletter on Sept. 17.

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