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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 ramps up at UW-Eau Claire

All Blugolds living in residence halls on campus and those in university housing off campus are being tested as part of a comprehensive antigen testing program that began last week. 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. Students involved in the testing should watch their campus email for invitations that lead to an online registration portal. You can read additional details [about this program here](#).

University dashboard offers details on testing, positive cases on campus

UW-Eau Claire has created a dashboard to give Blugolds and the public key details about testing and the positivity rates of students who have interacted with Student Health Service and the antigen testing facility at the McPhee Center Physical Education Center. [The dashboard](#) is updated daily during the week, and you can find a direct link on the COVID-19 update page.

Link to new COVID-19 public exposures added to university update page

The Eau Claire City-County Health Department is sharing COVID-19 exposure notices with the community to ensure the public is aware of places where individuals may have come into contact with a person who has tested positive for the virus. The exposure notices are updated regularly, and you can [find a link on the university's COVID-19 update page](#) that links directly to the running list of public exposure notices.

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 about 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' still available at Davies Visitor Center, ASK Center

If you have not yet picked up your Landing Gear packs which include a special Blugold Flight Plan water bottle, two UWEC masks, a thermometer and instructions on how to stay safe this semester, you still have time. Students can pick up their Landing Gear at 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. Flight Gear is available at the bookstore in 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.

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. 17)

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Worldwide: 30,253,629
United States: 6,853,787
Wisconsin: 94,746
Eau Claire County: 1,398
Barron County: 405
Wood County: 627

[UW-Eau Claire COVID-19 Dashboard, updated daily](#)

Look for the next Blugold Flight Plan newsletter on Sept. 24.

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