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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.*

### **University Bookstore team thanks students, faculty and staff for patience**

The University Bookstore would like to extend a sincere thank-you to students, faculty and staff for their patience as bookstore staff completed and shipped more than 10,000 book orders this fall. More than 90% of students currently have their books and nearly 100% have at least some of their books. Additional support staff from Davies Center assisted with filling orders while Barnes & Noble flew in additional staff in the midst of a global pandemic. Heather Hanaman, manager of the University Bookstore, says "This was an unusual year and we are grateful for the help we received." To ensure a smooth process for spring semester, the University Bookstore is urging students to return rental books promptly at the end of this semester so they can be restocked for spring semester. Additionally, students are encouraged place their orders for spring semester a minimum of two weeks prior to the first day of class. "It's a short turnaround time in between semesters, so the sooner we receive books back from the fall, the better," Hanaman says.

**Antigen testing continues for all students in university housing 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 two weeks ago. The antigen tests, which produce results minutes after a student is tested, were made possible by a \$32 million CARES-fund allocation, which UW System and Gov. Tony Evers approved in August. To date, more than 2,500 students have received the antigen test, and all residence hall students 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 updated to include details from health department**

The UW-Eau Claire COVID-19 dashboard, which is updated daily Monday through Friday, now includes a statistic about the number of positive cases tied to the university. The total number of cases linked to students, faculty and staff since Sept. 1 is 357 (5 tied to faculty/staff, 352 to students). This number will be updated daily. The Eau Claire City-County Health Department confirmed Wednesday that no positive cases of COVID-19 have been linked to transmission within classrooms at UW-Eau Claire. Student Health Service continues to track all cases on campus through a combination of surveillance testing (antigen testing) and symptomatic testing (PCR testing). [The dashboard](#) is easy to access, and you can also 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.

### **More than 10,000 Blugolds using Blugold Protocol to monitor their health**

More than 10,000 Blugolds have downloaded, registered and are using the Blugold Protocol app, and if you have not yet added the self-monitoring health app to your phone, now is the time to take a few easy steps to stay safe. 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 are 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 Services or your healthcare 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.



## **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 page](#), 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. 24)

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

**Worldwide:** 32,259,564

**United States:** 7,158,021

**Wisconsin:** 105,932

**Eau Claire County:** 1,703

**Barron County:** 425

**Wood County:** 718

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

*Look for the next Blugold Flight Plan newsletter on Oct. 1.*

## **Integrated Marketing and Communications**

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