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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 dashboard enhanced with trend, data visualization**

UW-Eau Claire's [COVID-19 dashboard](#) now includes easy-to-read trend data and daily breakdowns of tests, results and students in quarantine and isolation on campus. The dashboard and UW-Eau Claire's dramatic drop in the number of positive cases through September were highlighted [in a recent WQOW news story](#), which was created by UW-Eau Claire alumnus Evan Hong.

### **Student voting information includes plans to stay safe during pandemic**

UW-Eau Claire students are encouraged to vote early to avoid congestion at polling sites as the upcoming election is a little more than a month away. Students can find important information about registration, absentee voting and in-person voting on campus on Nov. 3 on the university [webpage devoted to student voting](#). Due to the pandemic, Zorn Arena will be utilized for in-person voting for students who live on campus.

### **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 in early September. 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 4,000 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](#).

### **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 in 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 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.

### **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, Oct. 1)

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

**Worldwide:** 34,330,504

**United States:** 7,468,356

**Wisconsin:** 122,274

**Eau Claire County:** 2,000  
**Barron County:** 490  
**Wood County:** 857

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

*Look for the next Blugold Flight Plan newsletter on Oct. 8.*

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