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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.

'Blugolds Care' program launched to support students in isolation, quarantine

Housing and Residence Life is launching a program called "Blugolds Care" to connect students in quarantine and isolation with a volunteer from the Blugold community to assist with everyday tasks. This program is available to all members of the Blugold community in the immediate Eau Claire area. Housing and Residence Life will manage the information collected and pair a volunteer with a person requesting assistance. Volunteers will not provide medical advice and will not come into direct contact with the student they are assisting. UW-Eau Claire students requesting assistance must have tested positive for COVID-19 or be awaiting test results and currently in quarantine. People are asked to sign up to [request assistance or serve as a volunteer](#).

State Department of Health Services Emergency Order #3 in effect

On Tuesday Gov. Tony Evers announced that the Department of Health Services has declared [Emergency Order #3](#), which limits the size of indoor gatherings to 25% of total occupancy capacity. The order specifically exempts institutions of higher education, and the order went into effect at 8 a.m. today. To review a list of frequently asked questions surrounding the new order, [click on this link](#) to visit the DHS website.

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.

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. 8)

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Worldwide: 36,587,018

United States: 7,793,305

Wisconsin: 138,698

Eau Claire County: 2,211

The logo for the Blugold Protocol is displayed on a dark blue rectangular background. The word "BLUGOLD" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font with a thin white outline. Below it, the word "protocol" is written in a lowercase, yellow, sans-serif font with a thin white outline.

Barron County: 535
Wood County: 987

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

Look for the next Blugold Flight Plan newsletter on Oct. 15.

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