



Please see below for a message that was sent to students earlier.

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

Summary of updates in this message

- Status update on campus and in Alamance County
- Uploading documentation from flu shots or COVID-19 vaccine booster shots
- Fall Break – travel, testing and campus services
- At home, over-the-counter and off-campus COVID-19 tests

Status Update

The university dashboard is updated on the [Healthy Elon website](#) each weekday morning.

- 21 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed among Elon students and employees over the past week, Oct. 6-12. This compares to 11 new cases the previous 7-day period.
- As of yesterday, Oct. 12, there were an estimated 26 active cases among Elon students and employees. This compares to 12 active cases a week ago.
- The university has [reported a cluster of 15 cases](#) to local and state public health officials, as required by the state. The cluster is connected to unregistered travel Oct. 1-3 among members of a co-ed business fraternity.
- All North Carolina counties remain in the high community transmission category. The CDC and state health officials strongly recommend wearing masks in public indoor settings, including stores, restaurants and other businesses.

Uploading documentation from flu shots or COVID-19 vaccine booster shots

The deadline for students to receive their annual flu vaccine is Friday, Oct. 29. Students who receive a flu shot from an off-campus provider over the Fall Break are encouraged to upload proof of that vaccination to the [Phoenix Health portal](#) right away.

All students, faculty and staff who have been fully vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for six months or more are now [eligible to receive a COVID-19 booster shot](#). The CDC has authorized and recommended booster vaccine shots to strengthen and extend protections against severe illness. There is no university requirement for booster shots at this time, but Elon students, faculty and staff can [upload vaccine documentation here](#) by selecting “booster shot” under the status drop-down menu.

Fall Break – Travel, Testing and Campus Services

With Fall Break for undergraduate students this week, Oct. 14-17, many individuals may be traveling. Please carefully review the [CDC guidance for domestic U.S. travel during COVID-19](#) and use the [travel planner tool](#) to learn more about COVID-19 travel restrictions, guidance and resources in your destination.

Individuals may want to test before and/or after travel. Testing resources on and off campus include:

- Asymptomatic testing is available in the McCoy Commons, found in the Oaks Neighborhood, on the following schedule this week:
 - Wednesday, Oct. 13: 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, Oct. 14: 9 a.m. – noon
- Symptomatic testing for students is available at Student Health Services in the Ellington Center on the following schedule this week:
 - Wednesday, Oct. 13: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - Thursday and Friday, Oct. 14 and 15: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 16 and 17: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- The regular schedule for testing at the university is available on the [testing page](#) of the Healthy Elon website, along with local testing resources.
- Note that wait times for walk-up testing immediately before and after Fall Break may be a bit longer than normal.

University offices are closed on Friday, Oct. 15. Several campus services will be available throughout the break or will have [adjusted hours of operation](#).

At Home, Over-the-Counter and Off-Campus COVID-19 Tests

Students who test positive with an over-the-counter or at home COVID-19 test are required to attend [walk-in symptomatic testing in Student Health Services](#) to verify the test. Report positive off-campus, over-the-counter or at home tests to Student Care & Outreach by emailing quarantine-support@elon.edu.

The Healthy Elon website provides important [health and wellness information](#) for students and employees, including what to do if you feel ill, test positive or have close contact with a positive case. The site also offers responses to [frequently asked questions](#) about academics, vaccination and employee information.

The next email update will be sent by Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 10:45 a.m., unless an additional message is warranted before then. Detailed information is always available on the [Healthy Elon website](#).

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