



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
- COVID-19 vaccine booster shots
- Homecoming and Reunion Weekend information and guidance
- Reminder about Thanksgiving and end of the semester travel
- Reminder about expanded medical and mental health resources

Status Update

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

- 9 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed among Elon students and employees over the past week, Oct. 27 - Nov. 2. This compares to 9 new cases in the previous 7-day period.
- As of yesterday, Nov. 2, there were an estimated 11 active cases among Elon students and employees. This compares to 10 active cases a week ago.
- The majority of North Carolina counties remain in the high community transmission category, including Alamance and Guilford counties. The CDC and state health officials strongly recommend wearing masks in public indoor settings, including stores, restaurants and other businesses.

Eligibility of students, faculty, and staff for COVID-19 vaccine booster shots

All university students, faculty and staff are eligible for COVID-19 vaccine booster shots, [as announced previously by the CDC](#). Elon University Physician Dr. Ginnette Archinal described the importance of booster shots in a [brief video released this week](#).

Elon students, faculty and staff are encouraged to get their booster shot before Thanksgiving and Winter Break travel, and to [upload their vaccine booster documentation here](#) by selecting “booster shot” under the status drop-down menu. Visit the Healthy Elon [Vaccination Central page](#) for full information about vaccinations and booster shots.

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Information and Guidance

We look forward to welcoming alumni from across the years for [Homecoming and Reunion Weekend](#), Nov. 5-7. As a reminder, the following guidelines will be in place to foster a safe and healthy environment for everyone:

- The university’s indoor mask requirement remains in effect – everyone must wear masks in indoor campus spaces, except when alone in a private office, in a residence hall/apartment room or while eating or drinking. Masks will be required for all indoor events during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.
- Throughout the weekend everyone is also encouraged to have a mask handy for outdoor events with large crowds, and where social distancing is not possible.

Reminder about Thanksgiving and end of the semester travel

All undergraduate and graduate classes and exams from Monday, Nov. 29, through the end of the semester will be in person, as previously announced. Students should plan end-of-the-semester travel in accordance with the published [undergraduate academic calendar](#) and the undergraduate exam schedule. Graduate and law school academic calendars and exam schedules are available on their respective program websites.

Reminder about expanded medical and mental health resources for students

As [previously announced](#), the new TimelyCare telehealth program is available to all students. In addition to the existing university resources for Counseling Services and Student Health Services, the following new virtual services are available to Elon students, with no additional fee or cost:

- **Medical:** 24/7, on-demand or scheduled access to a medical provider that can treat a wide range of common illnesses like cold and flu, sinus infection, allergies and more.
- **TalkNow:** 24/7, on-demand access to a mental health professional to talk about anything at any time.

Students can [download the TimelyCare app](#) and register now using the information and access code available on the websites for [Counseling Services appointments](#) and [Student Health Services appointments](#).

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, Nov. 10, 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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