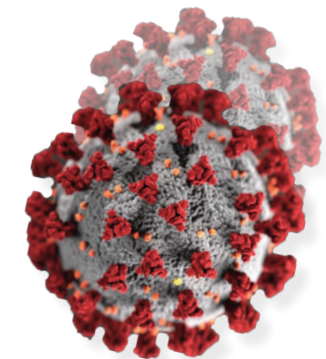


# QUARANTINES TO MANDATES: ELON UNIVERSITY COVID TIMELINE

A look at Elon University's timeline of events since the COVID-19 pandemic began

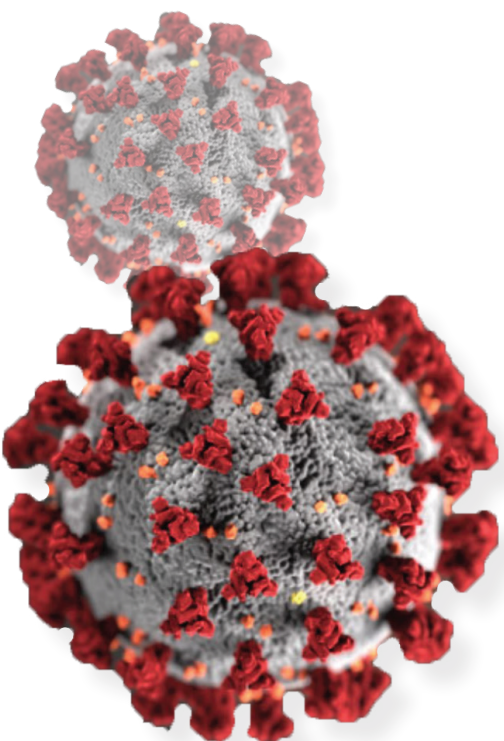
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IN MARCH 2020, STATES across the United States were declaring a state of emergency and the World Health Organization confirmed the world to be in a pandemic. Students across the world were sent home — in-person learning was suspended, campuses closed and the world became more digital as online connections increased. Since the pandemic began, Elon University has faced a number of challenges, updates and events regarding COVID-19. This timeline will look at how the university has operated the past two years — beginning with sending students home back in March 2020 to recently lifting its indoor mask mandate.



## 2020

## 2021



## 2022

**JAN. 20**

Elon University announces goals to administer vaccines on campus to students, faculty and staff to aid vaccination rollout. Faculty and staff are able to receive the vaccine as part of phases two and three of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services plan.



**FEB. 10**

Elon Athletics announces limited fan attendance for spring football season. Rhodes Stadium will operate at 7% capacity under North Carolina's COVID-19 mass gathering limitations.

**FEB. 24**

Gov. Roy Cooper lifts modified stay-at-home order as COVID-19 cases decline.

**MARCH 2**

Student workers and faculty become eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in Group 3.



**APRIL 1**

Elon University schedules campus vaccine clinics as town eases COVID-19 restrictions.

**MAY 13**

CDC announces fully vaccinated individuals can go most places without masks, no longer needing to wear face masks or remain six feet apart from others in most indoor and outdoor settings.



**APRIL 30**

Elon University announces a new mask policy in line with CDC guidelines — vaccinated students do not have to wear a mask outside except in crowded settings.

**MARCH 26**

Elon University announces in-person commencement for class of 2021, with a limited number of guests being allowed to attend.

**FEB. 14**

Elon University suspends semester programs in China, as the coronavirus spread across the country, with the virus originating in Wuhan, China.



**MARCH 11**

Faculty and staff prepare for transition to online classes. Information Technology assisted in helping faculty after they were told they would be online for a two week period.

**MARCH 17**

Academic programming transfers online. The tentative date for students to return to campus is set for April 6, 2020. Online classes began March 23, 2020.

**MARCH 10**

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper declares a state of emergency in response to five new cases of COVID-19.

**MARCH 27**

Gov. Roy Cooper signs an executive order instructing all individuals in North Carolina to stay at home. The order goes into effect March 30, 2020.

**MARCH 30**

Elon University cancels on-campus admissions events for prospective and admitted students through April 30, 2020, in order to maintain physical distancing.

**MAY 22**

President Book offers a message of resiliency to Elon University's class of 2020 during a pre-recorded ceremony held to confer degrees to the senior class.



**MARCH 20**

Alamance County confirms its first case of the coronavirus. The Alamance County Health Department announced that the affected individual was placed in isolation after exposure. The town of Elon Mayor Jerry Tolley declares a state of emergency and plans to restrict gatherings.

**MARCH 4**

Students are forced home from abroad, and promised reimbursements from the Global Education Center.

**APRIL 24**

The town of Elon police cites 17 students for violations of the town of Elon's State of Emergency declaration and North Carolina's stay at home order.

**JUNE 8**

Elon University announces it will hold in-person classes for the fall semester, beginning on Aug. 19, 2020. The plan for the fall semester is titled "Ready & Resilient."



**JULY 17**

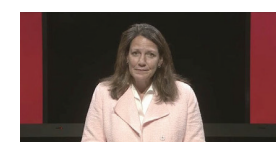
Elon University announces it will require students, faculty and staff to complete a mail-in COVID-19 test prior to move-in.

**JUNE 26**

Elon University requires face coverings indoors and when social distancing outside is impossible.

**AUG. 12**

President Book opens the academic year with virtual opening ceremonies, keeping some traditions alive, such as ringing the Graham Bell.



**AUG. 26**

COVID-19 affects study abroad travel plans for students with most international travel being canceled for the fall semester.

**AUG. 23**

Elon University enforces COVID-19 policy violations. Prior to returning to campus, all Elon University community members were required to sign an electronic disclosure form — The Healthy Elon Commitment.



**SEPT. 1**

Elon University rents local hotel rooms for students quarantining, including the Tru by Hilton hotel and Holiday Inn Express in Burlington.

**SEPT. 17**

Elon Athletics suspends activity and practices because of the spread of COVID-19 among athletes.

**SEPT. 30**

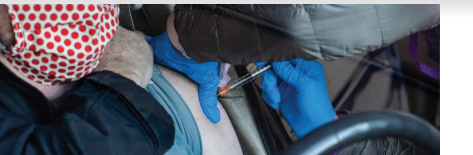
North Carolina moves to Phase 3 of reopening.

**SEPT. 25**

Elon Dining shifts to grab-and-go only.

**OCT. 28**

Elon University shifts to a new, cheaper COVID-19 test from Radeas Labs. The change in test comes as the university hopes to scale up testing to 5,000 students.



**DEC. 10**

North Carolina prepares to receive COVID-19 vaccine supplies, as Pfizer works to meet Food and Drug Administration expectations for emergency use of its vaccine. Planning for vaccine distribution in North Carolina is being done in four phases.

**DEC. 20**

Alamance County expects shipments of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine, authorized by the Food and Drug Administration for emergency use.



**DEC. 28**

Elon University cancels short-term winter programs amid Omicron variant case surge.



**AUG. 23**

FDA gives full approval to Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, replacing the emergency use authorization granted in 2020.

**AUG. 11**

Elon University reinstates the mask mandate for the beginning of semester due to the Delta variant and number of visitors on campus, increased cases in Alamance County.

**AUG. 18**

CDC recommends COVID-19 Pfizer, Moderna booster shots after eight months from receiving their second doses.

**DEC. 27**

Elon University requires students to receive COVID-19 booster and upload documentation of a COVID-19 booster vaccination by Jan. 31, 2021, or within seven days of being eligible to receive the booster.

**JULY 27**

CDC recommends fully vaccinated individuals wear masks in public indoor settings after showing the Delta variant is the prominent strand in the United States.



**MARCH 14**

Elon University lifts indoor mask mandate after looking to ease COVID-19 restrictions at the end of February. The mask policy applies to vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, however unvaccinated individuals are still required to test weekly.

