March 2, 2021

Dear Campus Community,

The college recorded eight new positive student COVID-19 cases on Tuesday.

Over the past 14 days, 58 total cases have been recorded. Based on public health guidance, 65 students and employees are in quarantine -- 23 on-campus and 42 off-campus. We respect the privacy of those in isolation and quarantine and will support them. If you are aware, please also respect their privacy.

Specific pooled test results are reported to students, faculty and staff directly only if they are part of a positive pool. Reflex testing is then used to determine who may actually be positive. Center staff then notifies all contacted individuals of their reflex testing results when received from SUNY Upstate Medical.

A total of 1,907 pooled tests samples have been taken so far this week. Pooled surveillance testing continues tomorrow. This regular, required testing enables us to identify and isolate positive cases.

Our caseload remains below the state threshold that would prompt a pause in on-campus classes and operations. This spring semester, the guidance from the state is to pause when a campus’ testing positivity rate is at 5 percent over a rolling 14-day period. Our current rate is 0.54 percent.

We encourage you to take steps daily to ensure the safety for you and all around you. Wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands, avoid large social gatherings, and stay home when sick. More information is online at plattsburgh.edu/COVID-19.

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