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Campus Community,

A student who entered quarantine on campus upon their arrival has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was following prescribed quarantine protocols prior to the test as required under our plan. They were not about the community after their arrival.

Positive cases are expected, and the reason for quarantine requirements such as this and all of the approaches developed as part of our restart plan. Serving our students safely is the priority for the semester.

Accordingly, I want to emphasize a few points as we begin classes Monday:

- **We expect guidelines to be followed.** All members of the campus community are expected to abide by our policies and should anticipate the college actively enforcing them. The Student Code of Conduct will be utilized for those who violate campus rules, including off campus students and student organizations. Please report suspected violations of college COVID policies and state limitations on gatherings. Violations of the guidelines will result in a referral to student conduct to consider suspension or dismissal. We expect students will be leaders and model safe behavior.

- **We will remain visible.** Our University Police is working in close alignment with Plattsburgh City Police and the sheriff’s office. This work began long before classes resumed and is a part of the restart plan developed over the summer with the health department and so many others. This has included personal, door-to-door visits by Chief Pat Rascoe, our campus physician Dr. Kathleen Camelo, and others. I am out every night in neighborhoods and across campus as well.

- **We must be vigilant and adhere to social distancing and face covering guidelines.** It is critical for our communities wherever we reside. Best practices shared by public health officials and a part of the Cardinal Pledge include:
  
  - Complete the daily health screening form
  - Wear a mask and practice social distancing
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
  - Do not host or attend large social gatherings and parties
  - Stay home when sick
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
  - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
• If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water when hands are visibly dirty

When we verify a positive test within the local campus community we will inform you and follow our protocols for health and safety. This is the second case associated with the campus this fall.

We respect the privacy of these individuals and are supporting them. If you are aware, please also respect their privacy so they can focus on healing. We continue to update and post COVID-19-related information online plattsburgh.edu/covid-19.

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