Sept. 1, 2020

Dear Campus Community,

The first round of pooled-sample COVID-19 surveillance testing for more than 500 students will be done Wednesday, Sept. 2 in Algonquin Dining Hall from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Testing is set to continue on Wednesdays, Sept. 9 and Sept. 16 until all approximately 1,600 on-campus students are tested. We have adjusted from our original schedule to ensure our timely processing of results from SUNY Upstate Medical University.

I am pleased we are able to provide this aggressive testing and we will look to expand from this initial pool later. Students selected for first-round testing over the next three Wednesdays will be given a specific appointment time and detailed instructions to prepare for the test. All students selected are expected to participate.

A reminder: Appointment times cannot be adjusted. Accordingly, if the testing protocol interferes with students’ ability to attend class then faculty should make accommodations.

Surveillance pool testing uses a saliva-testing method. Students administer the test themselves by swabbing the inside of their mouth for 10 to 15 seconds and providing the saliva sample to medical personnel. Upstate medical processes the results and advises us where isolation may be indicated.

I appreciate all you are doing on behalf of our students and the campus community.

Dr. Alexander Enyedi
President