Sept. 1, 2020

Dear Students,

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.

If you have an appointment for tomorrow, please attend at the time given and follow the directions you were sent.

We have set the balance of testing days for Wednesdays, Sept. 9 and Sept. 16. This adjustment from our original schedule will ensure our timely processing of results from SUNY Upstate Medical University. Exact appointment times will be shared with you soon.

I am pleased we are able to provide this aggressive testing for the approximately 1,600 on-campus students and we will look to expand from this initial pool later.

A reminder: Appointment times cannot be adjusted. Accordingly, if the testing protocol interferes with your ability to attend class then your 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 to remain vigilant and follow the Cardinal Pledge. It matters to you, your friends and the entire campus and wider community.

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