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First Installment of Pooled Surveillance Testing Yields No New Cases

Dear Campus Community,

The first installment of pooled surveillance testing of on-campus students for COVID-19 yielded zero positive cases. The results were returned from SUNY Upstate Medical University today from the 449 samples taken Wednesday.

There have been no COVID-19 cases associated with the campus since two were reported Aug. 21-22.

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.

Pooled testing for on-campus students will continue. Exact appointment times will be shared with students soon. We look to expand soon from this initial group of tested students and will outline those details when available.

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.

We continue to update and post COVID-19-related information online at plattsburgh.edu/covid-19.

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