Monday, Sept. 20, 2021

Dear Campus Community,

I am writing with this week’s update on COVID-19 cases, vaccine statistics and related information. Updates may also be provided as needed other days of the week.

Over the past 14 days, the campus recorded 27 positive student cases. Additionally, 12 students are quarantining off-campus based on public health guidelines. No employees are in isolation or quarantine. If you are aware of individuals affected, please respect their privacy.

Details on campus testing and cases are always available on the SUNY dashboard, online at https://www.suny.edu/covid19-tracker/.

About 97 percent of on-campus resident students are fully vaccinated or in process. Off campus, more than 88 percent of students are fully vaccinated, and we are adding additional confirmations of vaccinations as they are processed. Exemptions for both on and off campus are about 3 percent.

On-Campus Vaccination Clinic Wednesday, Testing Continues
A vaccination clinic will be held on campus in Algonquin Dining Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 22. It is critical for those needing a vaccine to attend this clinic or obtain a vaccine elsewhere this week.

Please sign up at the following link: https://apps2.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=CAF53C52D5A50460E0530A6C7C160B21

Surveillance testing continues weekly for all unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals who come to campus for any reason (e.g. in-person classes, living in the residence halls, student organization meetings, etc.). This includes students who have an exemption. Only students who provide proof of vaccination through the SUNY Portal will be exempt from this every-week requirement.

All students, regardless of vaccination status are required to participate in monthly surveillance testing. This will be done the weeks of October 11 and November 29. Employees must attend weekly testing as well, unless they have submitted a Vaccination Attestation Form.

Results and Contact Tracing
SUNY Upstate Medical University reports pooled testing results directly to students, faculty and staff to your registered email address when completed. If your result is presumed negative, you need take no further action. If your result is positive, you will be contacted by the Student Health and Counseling Center or the Clinton County Health Department with further details. If you get the notification email before being contacted, we ask you to self-isolate and contact your health care professional or the health center at 518-564-2187 or healthcenter@plattsburgh.edu.

The Clinton County Health Department conducts contact tracing and determines who needs to be quarantined based on their level of contact. Individuals who are fully vaccinated do not have to quarantine unless they develop symptoms. Vaccinated students can attend pool testing three to five days after exposure.
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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