Dear Campus Community,

We are writing with this week's update on COVID-19 cases and related information. Updates may also be provided as needed other days of the week.

Over the past 14 days, the campus has recorded five positive student cases. No students or employees are in quarantine. Two employees are also reported to be in isolation. If you are aware of individuals affected, please respect their privacy.

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

**All Student Testing This Week**

Testing of all students regardless of vaccination status continues through Wednesday, October 20. Details were shared earlier by the Student Health and Counseling Center.

We are continuing with the use of home test kits for students. Completed tests may be dropped off at Algonquin Hall from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Check the testing site webpage for details. Students who came to testing this week and are vaccinated do not need to test next week.

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.

**Mask Requirement Remains in Effect**

Cases have decreased recently but are still high in our area. The number of hospitalized COVID patients, for example, has risen in Clinton County and the general population continues to have a high test positivity rate. Accordingly, the CDC recommends that even vaccinated people continue to wear masks in indoor public areas. This includes all government buildings and many businesses and retail establishments.

Please continue to follow our indoor face covering policies to respect the health and safety of yourselves and each other.
**Surveillance Testing and Contact Tracing**

Surveillance testing will continue weekly for 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.) including students who have an exemption, and for employees who have not submitted a Vaccination Attestation Form.

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](http://plattsburgh.edu/COVID-19).

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