Dear Campus Community,

Four students were reported today as testing positive for COVID-19. Each student was already in quarantine due to earlier contact tracing when tested. The students are now isolating and following health and safety directions.

This brings to 22 the total number of cases reported over the past nine days. Additionally, five students are in precautionary isolation having tested negative with rapid tests but awaiting back-up PCR test results.

Through contact tracing by the county health department, 115 students are in quarantine (78 on-campus and 37 off-campus). Decisions on quarantine are made by the health department based on an assessment of potential exposure. This is done to help prevent possible spread of the virus.

Faculty and staff are also supporting students as quarantine buddies, checking in, providing a connection and meeting needs they may have. If you would like to assist in this way, please contact Dr. Michele Carpentier at carpenmm@plattsburgh.edu.

Unfortunately, as we have seen across the nation and region, the virus is with us and we are managing. We monitor our capacity and cases every single day. As we do, we respect the privacy of these students and will support them. If you are aware, please also respect their privacy.

Pooled surveillance testing continued today, with 654 samples taken and sent to SUNY Upstate Medical University. We will share those results when they are in. More testing will take place tomorrow. If you've been sent an invitation, please arrive at your scheduled time.

Attention to detail by each one of you affects the well-being of all of those around you. Continued focus on health and safety protocols and the Cardinal Pledge is critical through this last month on campus.

Dr. Alexander Enyedi
President