Wednesday Update

Oct. 21, 2020

Dear Campus Community,

Two students were reported today as testing positive for COVID-19. The students are now isolating and following health and safety directions. Additionally, one college employee was reported as positive. This employee has not been on campus for a week and all contact tracing has been completed.

Over the past 10 days, the college has recorded 25 total cases. 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, 114 students are in quarantine (77 on-campus and 37 off-campus).

**Isolation and Quarantine**
Decisions on quarantine are made by the health department through the process of contact tracing and are based on an assessment of potential exposure. This is done to help prevent possible spread of the virus.

Expansive information on positive tests notifications, isolation and quarantine processes and related areas are online at plattsburgh.edu/covid-19. Look to the relevant sections toward the top of the page. This also includes information on contact tracing from New York State.

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.

In this final on-campus month, continued attention to detail by each one of you is critical. The simple steps of the Cardinal Pledge and regular participation in surveillance testing are our keys to success and keeping you and those around you healthy and safe.

**Pooled Surveillance Testing**
Pooled surveillance testing continued today, with 1,496 samples taken over the past two days. These have been sent to SUNY Upstate Medical University. We will share those results when they are in.

We continue to monitor cases and campus capacity every day. As we do, we respect the privacy of these students and will support them. If you are aware, please also respect their privacy.

Dr. Alexander Enyedi
President