Thursday Update

Oct. 22, 2020

Dear Campus Community,

Four students were reported today as testing positive for COVID-19. The students are isolating and following health and safety directions.

Over the past 11 days, the college community has recorded 29 total cases. Additionally, two students are in precautionary isolation having tested negative with rapid tests but awaiting back-up PCR test results.

Quarantine and Recovery
Through contact tracing by the county health department, 117 students are in quarantine (80 on-campus and 37 off-campus).

Quarantine decisions by the health department are based on contact tracing and an assessment of potential exposure to help prevent possible viral spread. Details on isolation, quarantine and related topics are online at plattsburgh.edu/covid-19.

Students will also be leaving isolation and quarantine as they recover or risk times expire. One in our current total of cases has recovered and left isolation.

Prevention and Testing
Our continuing response connects prevention and the Cardinal Pledge with robust testing, isolation and quarantine as warranted. It takes all of us to succeed.

Earlier today, I participated in an open media session with Clinton County public health officials and other leaders. As we monitor our campus cases and capacity every day, we are working in concert with multiple agencies. These partners are supportive of our approaches.

Pooled surveillance test samples from this week are at SUNY Upstate Medical University. We will share those results when they are in. Testing will continue next week.

We respect the privacy of students in isolation and quarantine and will support them. If you are aware, please also respect their privacy.

Faculty and staff are 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.

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