Dear Campus Community,

The college recorded one new COVID-19 case on Wednesday. The student was among those retested from an earlier pooled test where results were indeterminate. The person was in precautionary quarantine and is now isolating. The balance of students from that pool are no longer in quarantine.

Over the past 14 days, 29 cases have been recorded within the campus community. Additionally, one student is in precautionary isolation having tested negative with a rapid test but awaiting back-up PCR test results.

By direction of the county health department, 99 students (54 on-campus and 45 off-campus) and four employees are in mandatory or precautionary quarantine. Those in isolation and quarantine are being released as they recover and risk times expire.

Decisions by the health department for quarantine are based on an assessment of potential exposure to help prevent possible viral spread. We respect the privacy of students in isolation and quarantine and will support them. If you are aware, please also respect their privacy.

As we see cases increase in the region and nationally, it is important to continue our focus on prevention and our care to health and safety over the last few weeks on campus. This includes:

- Complete the daily health screening form.
- Follow the Cardinal Pledge, including face coverings, distancing and avoiding large social gatherings.
- Stay local and avoid travel outside the area for the duration of the semester.
- Download the New York State COVID-19 alert app.

Pooled surveillance testing was conducted today with 1,008 samples taken and sent to SUNY Upstate Medical University. The testing will continue tomorrow and next week. Also, we will be conducting mandatory testing of all students November 11-13. Details on that testing will be shared soon.

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