Dear Campus Community,

The campus community recorded one new case of COVID-19 on Friday, a maintenance employee who was in quarantine.

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

By direction of the county health department, 42 students (15 on-campus and 27 off-campus) and 10 employees are in mandatory or precautionary quarantine. Those in isolation and quarantine are being released as they recover and risk times expire.

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

Please avoid traditional Halloween parties and gatherings this weekend. These could serve as spreader events for coronavirus and put you and your friends at risk. As we see cases increase locally and statewide, please continue our focus on prevention and our care for each other’s health and safety. 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.

This week’s 1,416 pooled surveillance testing samples are at SUNY Upstate Medical University. We will share results when available. Testing continues next week. The following week, November 11-13, we will be conducting mandatory pooled testing of all students. Details will be shared soon.

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