COVID-19 Update | Departure Testing Begins Tomorrow

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Dear Campus Community,

The college recorded 13 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday.

Over the past 14 days, 31 total cases have been recorded. Additionally, three students are in precautionary isolation having tested negative with rapid tests but awaiting back-up PCR test results.

By direction of the county health department, 71 students (36 on-campus and 35 off-campus) and five employees are in mandatory or precautionary quarantine. Decisions by the health department for quarantine are based on an assessment of potential exposure to help prevent possible viral spread. 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.

Focus on Health and Safety
Our region and New York State as a whole are seeing markedly higher numbers of new cases. As we conclude the on-campus fall semester next week, we much each maintain a focus on prevention, 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.

Departure Testing Begins Tomorrow
Three days of mandatory COVID-19 testing for departing students begins tomorrow. Students taking at least one in-person class, using services on campus or working on campus must be tested prior to leaving. Exceptions to this are outlined in the plan, online at plattsburgh.edu/COVID-19.

Please direct questions about documentation and related requirements to the Student Health and Counseling Center at healthcenter@plattsburgh.edu. Note that when the campus learns of a student’s failure to follow the above requirements on fall departure testing, their case will be referred to the Student Conduct Office.

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