Dear Campus Community,

We are writing with this week's update on COVID-19 cases and related information. Updates may also be provided as needed other days of the week.

Over the past 14 days, the campus has recorded 5 positive cases. One student is reported to be in isolation. No students or employees are in quarantine. If you are aware of individuals affected, please respect their privacy.

Details on campus testing and cases are available on the SUNY dashboard, online at https://www.suny.edu/covid19-tracker/.

Mandatory Surveillance Testing and Contact Tracing

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, classes will end on Tuesday, November 23rd at 10 pm and will resume on Monday, November 29th. Residence halls will also be closed Wednesday, November 24th at 12 noon through Sunday, November 28th at 12 noon.

Upon return to campus, we will continue to require weekly mandatory surveillance testing for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals who come to campus for any reason (e.g. in-person classes, living in the residence halls, student organization meetings, etc.). This testing also includes students who have an exemption and employees who have not submitted a Vaccination Attestation Form. As a reminder, individuals are NOT fully vaccinated until two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series (i.e. the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines) or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine (i.e. the Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine). If you do not meet these requirements you are considered partially vaccinated and must continue with weekly testing.

The Clinton County Health Department conducts contact tracing and determines who needs to be quarantined based on their level of contact. Individuals who are fully vaccinated do not have to quarantine unless they develop symptoms. Vaccinated students can attend pool testing three to five days after exposure.

We encourage you to take steps daily to ensure the safety for you and all around you. Wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands, avoid large social gatherings, and stay home when sick. More information is online at plattsburgh.edu/COVID-19.

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