Campus Update | COVID Cases

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Dear Campus Community,

Welcome back to campus. We hope you had a restful long weekend and are gearing up for the final few weeks of the semester.

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 1 positive case. Three students and three employees are 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

We are continuing to require 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.

Omicron Variant and Campus Masking Requirement

In anticipation of potential COVID-19 spikes related to the newly identified Omicron variant, Gov. Kathy Hochul has declared a state of emergency, urging all of us to be more vigilant than ever about wear a mask, practicing social distancing, washing hands, avoiding large social gatherings, and staying home when sick. We will continue to seek guidance from the Governor’s Office and the State Department of Health and will update you as we learn more.

Due to the increased presence of COVID-19 variants, the indoor face covering/masking remains in effect. This requires everyone on campus to wear a mask while indoors regardless of vaccination status. Detailed information regarding the mandatory face covering/masking requirement can be found under Campus Operations & Protocols on the Covid-19 Campus Updates web page.
More information is online at plattsburgh.edu/COVID-19.

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