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Campus Community,

The Clinton County Health Department has notified the college of two employees within the SUNY Plattsburgh community who have been diagnosed with cases of COVID-19.

People who may have been in contact with these unrelated cases have been and will be reached out to by the health department, as is their standard practice. Officials will share actions that can be taken to care for themselves. The college is also working with the county health department to support the health and wellness of these individuals.

One of the cases is the person identified by the county health department over the weekend who had contact with individuals across the region at several businesses and other venues, including SUNY Plattsburgh. The second employee is unrelated to that case.

We respect the privacy of these individuals. If you are aware, please also respect their privacy so they can focus on healing.

Again, this new confirmed case was not unexpected. As noted in Sunday's message to campus, with more frequent testing and the rise of this virus, we expect more cases will present within and around our campus community over time.

SUNY Plattsburgh is committed to protecting our community and the region. We will support anyone found to be positive for the virus through this difficult time. As this evolves, we ask you to continue to follow the best practices that have been regularly advanced, including:

- Practice social distancing
- Stay home as much as possible
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water when hands are visibly dirty

As more information becomes available about this or new situations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will make updates at plattsburgh.edu/coronavirus, through email or other means.

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