

Dear Residential Students,

As SUNY Polytechnic continues to assess the best interests of our community as it relates to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), I am writing to address some of the unique issues and questions that you may have which pertain to our residential community.

First, and most importantly, continue to wash hands regularly with soap and water and to follow all of the precautions that are always made to us during cold and flu season; you can find more health tips here: [CDC Actions to Prevent Flu](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/actions/prevent-flu/). I also urge you to please check your e-mail regularly each day, as we will send you any critical updates. Please also check our dedicated SUNY Poly webpage where you will find the latest information that will be helpful to you as this evolves: <https://sunypoly.edu/covid19.html>.

Additionally, it is very important that you are attentive to cleaning and hygiene within your rooms and suites. In your private residential spaces, please disinfect your door handles, shared remote controls and gaming equipment daily - or even every time you use them. THOROUGHLY CLEAN YOUR BATHROOMS 2 to 3 times a week in Mohawk and Adirondack. At least twice a day disinfect places like doorknobs, faucets and countertops in your Mohawk and Adirondack bathrooms that are frequently touched with hands. In Oriskany, our custodial staff will be cleaning common area hot spots like doors, counters, and elevators and bathrooms daily, but we strongly urge you to also ensure cleanliness within your room.

If you are remaining on campus during spring break, it is important that you continue to practice good hand washing and cleaning practices. Although students are on break, the Wellness Center remains open during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Before reporting to the Wellness Center ill or with symptoms, please call for a review of your symptoms with a staff member and to schedule an appointment. If you show symptoms and need care after business hours or on the weekend, contact the Albany County Health Department at (518) 447-4640 before going to a healthcare provider.

While there is no way to tell what COVID-19 implications there will be for anyone two weeks from now, if you are departing campus for all or part of spring break, it would not be impractical to consider what you need from your room if you were not able to return to campus for two weeks or more, especially in the event our campus is impacted. To be proactive, we suggest taking with you everything you would need for personal care, peace of mind, and remote academic work. Examples of things that you may not have taken on a spring break vacation that you may want to consider taking this year, if possible, include; contact lenses, medications, textbooks, computers, etc.

When you do return from break, consider bringing back to campus cold and flu medications, a thermometer, extra bottled water, and electrolyte drinks, and other supplies, such as tissues to have in case you become ill. Also, please return with extra cleaning supplies so we can all pitch in and keep our surroundings as clean as possible.

Lastly, **it is very important that you complete the spring break form**. Please tell us where you are traveling to, especially if your travel is out of the state of New York or out of the country. We would only use this information to help us in the future should this information be helpful based on global

updates. We also need to know who is remaining in residence for the break. With this information, we can best keep you informed of any updates or changes as they relate to COVID-19. Please complete the spring break form here [2020 Spring Break Form](#) or edit your prior submission if you've had a change in travel plans.

Stay informed about COVID-19 by visiting trusted sources, rather than relying on internet rumors and speculation. Again, we recommend visiting our SUNY Poly website for the latest updates on our COVID-19 response at <https://sunypoly.edu/covid19.html>. The New York State Department of Health hotline 1-888-364-3065 and Center for Disease Control sites at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> are also reliable sources of information on COVID-19.

If you have any questions or concerns that are specific to SUNY Poly's COVID-19 response plan, and are not answered by SUNY Poly's COVID-19 webpage, SUNY Poly has an email you can utilize COVID19-FAQ@sunypoly.edu.

Best,

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