



September 16, 2021

To Faculty, Staff, and Students,

As part of our continuing effort to provide updates regarding COVID-19 and as we work to maintain the health and wellness of our students, faculty, and staff, we want to make you aware that one individual at the Utica campus tested positive for COVID-19 and was last on campus Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021. The individual will remain isolated from the campus population until public health officials have indicated they may return.

We wish this individual a full and rapid recovery. As per New York State requirements, the local health department has been notified, and SUNY Poly will continue to work with the county's contact tracing program to connect with anyone who may have been close contacts with the individual to inform them of what precautionary safety protocols must be followed. Anyone who may be identified as such through our internal contact tracing efforts will be asked to self-quarantine as directed by the Health Department's guidance. Please note that the CDC defines exposure risk from someone who is COVID-19 positive as resulting from being less than six feet away for a total of 15 minutes or longer over a 24-hour period.

**Impacted locations included the following:**

Wellness Center suite – Campus Center

Women's restroom – near Wellness Center

Routine cleaning and disinfection occurs at least daily in all impacted indoor areas, and enhanced disinfection has been conducted on the impacted areas.

As we have previously shared with you and especially because of the current COVID-19 activity in the surrounding communities, COVID-19 Exposure Guidance procedures have been implemented and are being followed. We encourage everyone to continue taking COVID-19 precautions on or off campus. It is also the institution's responsibility to safeguard the privacy of those on campus, and in accordance with federal law related to health information, any impacted individual(s) cannot be identified. We will continue to alert you about any COVID-19 cases impacting our campus.

To help answer a number of questions and keep our community informed, please visit SUNY Poly's [COVID-19 webpage](#). You are also encouraged to obtain COVID-19 information from your healthcare provider, [NYS Dept. of Health](#), and the [CDC](#). We would also like to remind you to monitor for symptoms; if you are having severe symptoms, including a fever of 102°F or higher, severe coughing spells, shortness of breath, blue lips or face, constant severe pain or pressure in your chest, extreme tiredness or lethargy, slurred speech, seizures, are coughing up blood, have new confusion or new serious disorientation (acting confused), or can't speak in full sentences, please contact your healthcare provider immediately; employees should also contact [Human Resources](#) and students should contact the [Wellness Center](#) for instructions.



For all COVID-19 related symptoms, positive test results, isolation, or quarantine issues, please direct all communications to the following:

- **Students:** Wellness Center at [WellnessCenter@sunypoly.edu](mailto:WellnessCenter@sunypoly.edu)
- **Employees:** Human Resources at [HR@sunypoly.edu](mailto:HR@sunypoly.edu)
- **Utica Campus Visitors:** Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) at (315) 792-7101 or Human Resources at [HR@sunypoly.edu](mailto:HR@sunypoly.edu)
- **Albany Campus Visitors:** Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) at [SUNYPolyEHS@sunypoly.edu](mailto:SUNYPolyEHS@sunypoly.edu) or Human Resources at [SUNYPolyHR@sunypoly.edu](mailto:SUNYPolyHR@sunypoly.edu)

SUNY Poly will continue to put in place the necessary measures to maximize our community's health. This update is a strong indication of why SUNY Poly is requiring strict adherence to efforts such as pooled testing, daily screening, wearing of face coverings, mandatory vaccination for all students, while encouraging vaccinations for all, regular handwashing with soap for more than 20 seconds, along with the use of hand sanitizer (containing 60-95% alcohol).

We appreciate your supporting these critical efforts, as well as your patience and understanding.

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