

September 25, 2020

After having made faculty, staff, and students aware of a positive COVID-19 test result for a commuter student at our Utica campus, we wanted to provide additional information as required by the Oneida County Health Department, which might be helpful in minimizing the potential spread of the virus.

At this time, we want to emphasize that this situation is a “Low Risk Exposure” with no additional quarantines needed per the Health Department. Please note that the CDC defines exposure risk from someone who is COVID-19 positive as resulting from being less than six feet away, with no PPE worn by either person, for 15 minutes or longer.

To read the original notification about this positive case, please visit:

<https://sunypoly.edu/sites/default/files/health-alerts/SUNY-Poly-COVID-19-Positive-Update-Notice-9-24-2020.pdf>.

The impacted student has not attended in-person classes since Tuesday, Sept. 22. Contact tracing measures have taken place, and, to date the investigation has identified the following on-campus areas in which the student had been. There are believed to be no proximate contacts as a result of social distancing and face coverings at all times:

September 22, 2020:

8:00 to 9:50 a.m.; Field House Gymnasium – face covering worn at all times; social distancing employed.

10:00 to 11:50 a.m.; Kunsela Hall A133 – face covering worn at all times; social distancing employed.

Noon; Oriskany Hall Pooled Testing Area - face covering worn at all times except during swab; social distancing employed.

These spaces are regularly cleaned, and additional disinfection has taken place out of an abundance of caution.

Anyone who has been in the identified areas during the dates and times indicated above is advised to monitor yourself for symptoms for the next two weeks. If you develop symptoms, please immediately contact the Wellness Center at (315) 792-7172 or your personal physician.

This update is a strong reminder of why SUNY Poly is requiring strict adherence to efforts such as social distancing and the wearing of face coverings while encouraging regular handwashing with soap for more than 20 seconds, along with the use of hand sanitizer (containing 60-95% alcohol).