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To SUNY Poly Faculty, Staff, and Students,

We wanted to inform you that as a result of our surveillance testing efforts, one pool tested positive for COVID-19, and further testing of those samples determined this positive result corresponded to a commuter student. The student will remain in isolation away from the campus population. Any potentially impacted student(s) and close contacts will receive further follow-up care and/or instructions from the Wellness Center and Oneida County Department of Health.

We believe this testing effort is helping to make sure any students who may have COVID-19 know about it in a timely manner so that they do not inadvertently infect others.

As per New York State, the local health department has been notified, and the state's tracing program will connect with anyone who may have come into contact with the individual(s) to inform them of what precautionary safety protocols must be followed. 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.

As we have previously shared with you, given the likelihood that our campus would be impacted with an illness, COVID-19 Exposure Guidance procedures have been implemented and are being followed. 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 to keep our community informed about the latest COVID-19 information, including health and safety precautions, please visit SUNY Poly's COVID-19 webpage: <https://sunypoly.edu/covid19>. You are also encouraged to obtain COVID-19 information from your healthcare provider, NYS Dept. of Health, and the CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. We would also like to remind you that should you have a temperature of 100.4°F or higher, a cough, or trouble breathing, you should call your health provider immediately.

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 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).

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

The Office of the President