



November 20, 2020

To SUNY Poly Faculty, Staff, and Students,

We wanted to inform you that as a result of our surveillance testing efforts, four individuals on the Utica campus tested positive for COVID-19. The individuals will remain in isolation away from the campus population. Any potentially impacted close contacts will receive further follow-up care and/or instructions from the Wellness Center/Human Resources and Oneida County Department of Health.

We sincerely wish these individuals a full and rapid recovery. At this time, it appears there was limited close contact with others on campus as a result of current social distancing and work from home efforts. Any individuals who we determined through contact tracing efforts as being in close contact will be notified to quarantine for 14-days following the date of exposure. The location(s) that the individuals with confirmed COVID-19 exposure had visited include the following, which have received enhanced routine cleaning:

- Tuesday, Nov. 17: 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. – Campus Center pooled testing site

Anyone who may have been in these locations at or around the times indicated should monitor their health, especially for symptoms related to COVID-19, for a 14-day period from the dates above. 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 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 a total of 15 minutes or longer over a 24-hour period.

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 keep our community informed, 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 to monitor for symptoms, and 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.

The Office of the President