



February 25, 2021

To Faculty, Staff, and Students,

As part of our continuing effort to provide updates regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and as we work to maintain the health and wellness of our students, faculty, and staff, we want to make you aware we were informed two individuals at the Albany campus tested positive for COVID-19. The individuals were last on site Monday, Feb. 22 and Tuesday, Feb. 23, respectively, and will remain isolated from the campus population until public health officials have indicated they may return.

We wish the individuals a full and rapid recovery. 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 individuals to inform them of what precautionary safety protocols must be followed. Please note, 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.

The locations that the individuals with confirmed COVID-19 exposure had visited are being cleaned:

- NFE: screening area/rotunda; first floor, including testing room NFE-1, security desk, and restroom off rotunda; staircase to 4<sup>th</sup> floor, elevator, and suite 4105.
- NFS: first and second floor;
- NFS/South Annex (NFSX) gowning; area around 1200 (PXL01).
- NFN/NFC: second floor; gowning; NFN at the 1700 + subfab (PNL01); NFC at the 1950 + subfab areas (CGL01) and isle to areas.
- NFX: first and second floor; area around the 3400 + subfab (CTL11); CSR gowning

As we have previously shared with you, given the likelihood that our campus would be impacted with an illness, especially with the current surge of 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's website](#). 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, as well as [Human Resources](#) for employee instructions.

For all COVID-19 related illness, positive test result, 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 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.

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