



July 26, 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 of our students, faculty, and staff, we want to make you aware we were informed an individual at the Albany campus tested positive as part of weekly campus pooled COVID-19 testing that took place Tuesday, July 20, 2021. This individual was last on site Friday, July 23 and will remain isolated from the campus population until public health officials have indicated they may return.

We wish the individual 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 individual to inform them of what precautionary safety protocols must be followed. All close contacts have been identified and, if unvaccinated, will engage in mandatory quarantine. Please note, the CDC defines exposure risk from someone who is COVID-19 positive as resulting from being unvaccinated and 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 individual with confirmed COVID-19 exposure had visited from Tuesday, July 20 through Friday, July 23 are being cleaned:

- NanoFab East (NFE) – 1909; 4333; 4334; 4th floor restrooms; and NFE main elevators (Tuesday/Wednesday); and
- NanoFab North (NFN) – Stairwell C and the gowning area to get to Subfab 1st floor; Subfab

As we have previously shared with you, especially with COVID-19 activity currently rising 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, including getting vaccinated.**

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 communications to the following:

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



- **Albany Campus Visitors:** Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) at SUNYPolyEHS@sunypoly.edu or Human Resources at SUNYPolyHR@sunypoly.edu

SUNY Poly will continue to put in place the necessary measures to maximize our community's health. This update is an important reminder of why SUNY Poly is strongly encouraging everyone to be vaccinated, in addition to requiring strict adherence to efforts such as social distancing and the wearing of face coverings for those who are not vaccinated. Everyone is encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap for more than 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer (containing 60-95% alcohol), as well as the provided classroom disinfecting materials.

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

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