



August 31, 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 for COVID-19 and was last on site Monday, August 30, 2021. This person 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 been close contacts with the individual to inform them of what precautionary safety protocols must be followed. Anyone who may be identified as such through our internal contact tracing efforts will be asked to self-quarantine as directed by the Health Department's guidance. Please note, the CDC defines exposure risk from someone who is COVID-19 positive as resulting from being less than six feet away for a total of 15 minutes or longer over a 24-hour period.

Impacted locations included the following:

- NanoFab South (NFS) – Back entrance of NFS building to classroom NFS 292 B from 5-8:30 p.m.
 - Sat toward back of the room, second to last row by the window
 - Restroom (along back hall of NFS adjacent to classroom 292)

Routine cleaning and disinfection of the impacted areas occurs on a regular basis, and enhanced disinfection of the impacted locations was performed upon notification of the positive test result and contact tracing.

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.** 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](#). 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; employees should also contact [Human Resources](#) and students should contact the [Wellness Center](#) for 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 requiring strict adherence to efforts such as pooled testing, daily screening, wearing of face coverings, mandatory vaccination for all students while encouraging vaccinations for all, 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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