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To Faculty, Staff, and Students,

As part of our continuing effort to provide updates regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) while we work to maintain the health and wellness of our students, faculty, and staff, we want to inform you a contractor who was last at the Albany campus Saturday, Oct. 17 has tested positive for COVID-19. This person will remain isolated from the campus population until public health officials have indicated they may return.

We sincerely wish this individual a full and rapid recovery. At this time, it appears there was minimal contact with others on campus as a result of current social distancing and work from home efforts. 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. Out of an abundance of caution, two people remain off campus as they await test results. 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.

The locations (NanoFab East Rotunda and NanoFab South Fab) that the individual with confirmed COVID-19 exposure had visited are being cleaned.

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, 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.

The Office of the President