

Subject: Update Regarding COVID-19 Positive Case Notification
From: The Offices of Environmental Health & Safety and Marketing & Communications

January 13, 2022

To SUNY Poly Faculty, Staff, and Students:

SUNY Poly's staff have dedicated countless hours providing as much actionable information as possible to support the health of everyone on campus through "update messages" notifying everyone about the latest number of COVID-19 positive individuals, and, when possible, their most recent locations. As our communities and campuses have seen a larger number of COVID-19 positive individuals ahead of the start of the Spring 2022 semester, we have been notified that contact tracing is being reduced or eliminated by local county health departments.

SUNY Poly always aims to be as transparent as possible. With the nature of the pandemic shifting nationwide, and to focus resources on using effective surveillance testing to have a clear picture of disease prevalence amongst our campus communities, we are working with county and state authorities to align our procedures accordingly. We will still continue to share more information than is required. We will do this by making you aware of the latest number of COVID-19 positive individuals and their most recent dates on campus on a weekly basis. **To assist with contact tracing efforts, on-campus students are reminded that once in-person classes start, they must [submit their seating information through this check-in](#).**

Significantly, although state and county health officials may not be reaching out, those individuals who are found to be close contacts will still be contacted by SUNY Poly representatives and provided quarantine/isolation instructions. CDC defines close contacts as those individuals who were less than six feet away from a COVID-19 positive individual for a total of 15 minutes or longer over a 24-hour period. In addition to our routine cleaning/disinfection of high-touch areas in public locations, classrooms, and restrooms, we will continue to provide enhanced cleaning/disinfection to areas of high common use impacted by COVID-19 positive individuals.

Given we should all expect to be in contact with COVID-19 positive individuals while in the community, at work, or at home, please continue to take part in required pooled testing, daily screening, and the wearing of face coverings, in addition to getting vaccinated and receiving a booster shot once eligible, along with regularly washing your hands with soap for more than 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer (containing 60-95% alcohol).

In addition to the weekly COVID-19 update message, you can always find the latest case information at [SUNY's COVID-19 case tracker](#).

Sincerely,

The Offices of Environmental Health & Safety and Marketing & Communications

As federal, state, local, and SUNY health guidance changes due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, SUNY Poly's rules will also evolve as the institution receives new guidance and/or regulations are

promulgated. SUNY Poly reserves the right to change its policy in regards to these matters and will provide updates as needed on the SUNY Poly website.