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To SUNY Poly Faculty and Staff,

We wanted to make you aware of several updates and informational resources we received from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), which SUNY Poly's environmental health and safety teams requested we share in support of the health, safety, and well-being of everyone on our campuses.

First, a NYSDOH update provides information about how essential employees can make an appointment to get tested for COVID-19 at a number of drive-through or walk-in testing sites. To take part, essential employees can sign up on the following website: <https://covid19screening.health.ny.gov/>. The testing is free with no insurance needed as long as you meet the criteria at the time you submit your information. Then, NYSDOH will schedule a time for you to be tested. A link to this document can be found here: <https://ocgov.net/sites/default/files/health/Coronavirus/DOH%20Essential%20Worker%20Testing.pdf>.

Please note that for those who believe they may have had COVID-19 and were never tested, you are encouraged to pursue antibody testing, and can do so by contacting your local health department or your Health Care Provider, which may be the most convenient, to confirm its availability and if it is appropriate.

While facial coverings are required in public places and situations where social distancing is unable to be maintained, we also want to share with you a document comparing N95 face masks to other face coverings or masks, and which may be best in different environments. This information could be especially helpful once more employees return to campus. A link to this resource can be found here: <https://sunypoly.edu/sites/default/files/health-alerts/N95-Other-Face-coverings.pdf>.

In addition, we wanted to provide you with the guidance we received for cleaning and disinfecting public spaces, workplaces, businesses, schools, and homes. The Centers for Disease Control and Environmental Protection Agency document can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html>. It provides a detailed rubric for developing and executing effective cleaning/disinfecting plans, as well as additional links to more specific recommendations.

In addition to the following links, we hope all of these resources will be valuable for you as we all continue to implement the best practices for the healthiest campus community possible.

- NYSDOH COVID-19 Information: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>
- CDC COVID-19 Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Sincerely,

The Office of Marketing and Communications