From: Public Health
To: Public Health

Subject: 2/17/2021 Testing Update

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 11:37:30 AM

Good morning,

Health Services has confirmed the following results from the <u>486 COVID-19 tests</u> administered on <u>Wednesday, February 17, 2021.</u>

• 473 negative tests

- 5 tests returned as invalid or unable to be processed
- 8 positive tests (5 students and 3 employees)

Of the positive tests, three of the individuals who tested positive were already in quarantine for close contact.

Using our established protocols for positive cases, the College is taking the following action:

- 1. Students who have tested positive are being moved to isolation housing on campus where they will remain until they are cleared by Health Services to return to the Residence Halls.
- 2. Staff members who have tested positive have been sent home to isolate until they are cleared by their health care provider.
- 3. Health Services and the Vermont Department of Health will be conducting contact tracing around the individuals who tested positive to determine any individual who may need to be placed in quarantine housing for close contact.
- 4. Health Services will be testing any individual today who did not attend testing yesterday, or who may have received an inconclusive test result.
- 5. The College will test all students in one residence hall again on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

These protocols for isolation, contact tracing, and quarantine for close contacts are the same that were used when the College successfully managed the cases that emerged in the fall semester.

We are aware that the news of positive cases may be unsettling news for our community. As we work to provide more information through updates later today and/or tomorrow, we will also be providing resources on supporting the emotional and mental well-being of students, faculty and staff. Counselors are available through Counseling Services for any student who feel they need urgent support.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact PublicHealth@landmark.edu

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