From: Public Health
To: Public Health

**Subject:** Important Notice: 2/18/2021 Testing & Response Update -

**Date:** Friday, February 19, 2021 3:01:33 PM

Good afternoon,

On <u>Thursday, February 18, 2021</u>, Health Services administered <u>32 COVID-19</u> tests to those who did not attend testing Wednesday, or who may have received an inconclusive test result. Health Services has confirmed the following results:

• 29 negative tests

• 3 positive tests

Summary of Testing Results from 2/17-2/18

	Wednesday	Thursday	Totals
	2/17/2021	2/18/2021	
Tests administered:	486	32	518
Negative:	473	29	502
Not Processed:	5	0	all re-tested
Positive (students):	5	3	8
Positive (employees):	3	0	3

## 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. 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.
  - a. While contact tracing is ongoing, the College and Department of Health have determined that 12 students and 12 employees are considered close contacts of the positive cases that were reported from Wednesday and Thursday's test results. The students are being moved into quarantine housing for close contact on campus, and the employees will quarantine at home.

## In consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, the College will be taking the following <u>additional</u> action:

3. The College will administer weekly testing of the entire campus community for at least the next three weeks (February  $24^{th}$ , March  $3^{rd}$ , and March  $10^{th}$ ).

- 4. Beginning at 5:00 pm on Friday, February 19, 2021, the College will require all students ALUMNI HALL to enter <u>room quarantine</u> until test results are received from testing on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Alumni Hall residents should expect to see a separate e-mail for an online Hall Meeting to review this decision further and answer your questions.
  - b. This is decision is being made based on the data that all but one of the students who tested positive were from a single residence hall, and to reduce the potential for further spread between residents within the hall.
  - c. Students who need to enter room quarantine will be informed by the College directly.
  - d. Students will be able to participate in their courses online until their room quarantine ends (anticipated to be early on Thursday, February 25, 2021) and all other support will remain available to students through Microsoft Teams.
  - e. Meals will be delivered to students and additional delivery options will be offered to students for the duration of the room quarantine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact <a href="mailto:PublicHealth@landmark.edu">PublicHealth@landmark.edu</a>

Sincerely,

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