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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear UNE Community,

I am writing to inform you that in addition to the first positive case, two additional undergraduate students have tested positive for COVID-19, and several more are quarantined as a result of exposure to the first positive case. These cases and contacts stem from precisely the situation we have warned students against — a large off-campus gathering without masks and distancing.

We are partnering with the Maine CDC, which is currently managing the cases. We have been working with them to assist in contact tracing and to ensure that the virus is contained. As you will see in the **attached communication** that was sent to all undergraduate students, those who violated our policies will be subject to a conduct review, and severe punishments may result from these reviews, up to and including expulsion. I want you to know that we are taking these violations very seriously, and we are sending a message to our students that we will not tolerate behavior that puts our community at risk.

While this situation is disheartening, as a result of our policies and procedures, we were able to quickly identify the positive cases and contacts and pull in the state's public health experts. We will continue to be diligent in reinforcing a culture of compliance among our students and will take whatever steps are necessary to protect the health and safety of the UNE community in order to continue to fulfill our mission.

Sincerely,

James D. Herbert  
*President*