

Office of Student Health Services

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Dear UNE Community,

As you may have seen in today's COVID-19 dashboard update, we have identified three positive student cases on the Biddeford Campus. All three students appear to have contracted the virus at a single event off campus. These students have either been moved into isolation or have opted to go home. Through our contact tracing process, we have identified several close contacts of those students, all of whom are being tested and have been relocated to alternative housing.

Out of abundance of caution and because nearly all of the affected students reside in Featherman Hall, we have made the decision to quarantine all residents of that dormitory, at least until Tuesday. This means that Featherman residents will stay inside the building, will attend classes remotely, and will receive their meals at Featherman Hall. No visitors will be permitted to enter the building. Student Health Center staff will conduct COVID-19 testing for all Featherman residents tomorrow, monitor their health over the weekend, retest them early next week, and will subsequently monitor them as circumstances dictate.

The two classrooms located in Featherman Hall are closed, and classes that normally meet there will be relocated.

We recognize that this is an extremely difficult situation for Featherman students and for the Student Life staff who reside in that dormitory. But we know that this is the safest decision for the UNE Community and our larger community. We thank the students for their cooperation, and we will continue to monitor the situation daily, providing more information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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