Office of Student Health Services
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INNOVATION FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

Dear UNE Community,

We know many of you are understandably anxious and concerned about the quarantine in Featherman Hall, so we wanted to send out a quick update before the weekend.

- As you know, we are managing a number of positive cases of COVID-19 on the Biddeford Campus.
- Today, we received one additional positive test result, bringing the total number to four.
- We tested students residing in Featherman Hall, and we expect to get those test results tomorrow.
- We are also testing all close contacts of the positive cases.
- We will test Featherman residents again on Monday.
- While we manage these active cases, we will update the UNE **case reporting dashboard** at the end of each business day.

We want to be clear that the students who were a part of the original event were not doing anything that violated Maine or federal CDC guidelines. We also want to assure the entire UNE community that these are exactly the types of scenarios that our COVID Response Team anticipated and prepared for. The decisive steps we are taking now are intended to prevent a small number of cases from becoming a situation in which we have significant community transmission of the virus on campus.

There are many reasons to be hopeful that our actions have been successful. Through the weekend and into next week as we continue to test and monitor active cases, we will also provide those in quarantine or isolation with programming to ease the burden of being stuck in their rooms.

We again thank those students for their cooperation and ask the entire UNE Community for patience and to be kind to one another as we continue to navigate together through this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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