

Office of Student Health Services

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INNOVATION FOR A HEALTHIER PLANET

Dear UNE Community,

I am writing to inform you that through our student testing protocols, we identified one positive case of COVID-19 on the football team. The team has adhered to all safety protocols, including the wearing of masks, but because of the close-contact nature of the sport, we determined that the safest option would be to quarantine the majority of the team as we continue our contact tracing process. We are taking this action out of an abundance of caution. These players are not presumed positive, and the quarantine was not mandated by the Maine CDC.

We will test those players in quarantine again on Wednesday, and any players who have decided to return home to quarantine will also be asked to get tested in their communities on Wednesday. Members of the faculty who have students in quarantine in their classes will be notified for their planning purposes. We will update UNE's dashboard on Thursday per our usual case reporting protocol.

While Maine still has one of the lowest rates of infection in the country, we are all aware that cases here are trending upward. I encourage our entire community, while both on and off campus, to redouble our efforts to adhere to the UNE Onward Promise by consistently wearing masks, keeping our distance, maintaining hand hygiene, daily symptom checks, and avoiding large social gatherings in order to keep one another safe.

Sincerely,

Paul Berkner, D.O., FAAP

Medical Director, Student Health Services