Since Sunday, we have seen a dramatic increase in students testing positive for COVID-19. In addition to the isolation space needed for these students, each new case comes with many close contacts which require quarantine facilities. This means that our off-campus Quarantine & Isolation facilities are now near capacity.

To quickly address this trend and in an attempt to stop the spread, beginning at 7:00 pm the following new restrictions will be in place until at least Sunday, February 21, 2021:

- All courses will transition to fully online beginning tomorrow, February 17, 2021.
- All athletic competitions, practices, and other athletic events are canceled.
- All gatherings are limited to no more than six people with all appropriate public health recommendations in place, including physical distancing and face coverings.
- All campus events are canceled.
- All on-campus dining services will be limited to take-out only.
- On-campus students may not visit residence halls where they don’t reside.
- On-campus students should stay on their respective floors in their residence halls and go outside to socialize with anyone not living on their floor.
- All campus buildings will be closed except for Residence Halls, Prospect Dining Hall, and the HUB for testing and mail pickup only.
- Off-campus students are not permitted in any on-campus residence hall, building, or facility.
- PSU Quarantine & Isolation space is now nearly exhausted; students who need to isolate or quarantine will be asked to do so at home if at all possible. Off-campus students may not isolate or quarantine in PSU’s facilities due to lack of space.
- PSU Staff who are able to work remotely should do so.

The COVID-19 Team is in touch with the State of New Hampshire Department of Health and will be constantly monitoring the situation and will provide daily updates by 5:00 pm beginning tomorrow.
President Birx and members of the COVID-19 Rapid Response Team will host a Zoom Town Hall meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, February 17 @ 9:00 am to detail the situation and answer questions. Look for a separate invitation from the President’s Office.

The Daily Testing Results and our COVID-19 Trigger Points will be posted on the PSU website later this evening.

We must work together as a campus and a community in the coming days. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.