

## **SUNY Genesee Community College Surveillance Testing Plan September 18, 2020**

GCC is targeting a beginning date of September 28<sup>th</sup> for our COVID-19 surveillance testing protocols, which are reviewed below. Currently, we engage in daily temperature and symptom screenings upon entry to campus, and personal attestation each day confirming that no COVID-19 symptoms have been experienced, nor any contact made with any positive COVID-19 individual. We also employ event-based testing and note that our students and faculty are following the guidelines to prevent and reduce transmission.

### **Campus Population Overview**

Below is a summary of GCC's current on-campus population at any one time. We total 436 unique individuals, producing a five percent figure of 22 individuals.

**156:** Resident Students

**120:** Non-resident Students

**160:** Employees (Includes faculty, staff, auxiliary employees)

**436:** Total

### **Pooled Surveillance Testing Protocols**

The plans below apply to our pooled surveillance protocols for locating potential *asymptomatic* cases. We will continue to use event-based testing and require individual COVID-19 nasal swab testing for any individual that presents with COVID-19 symptoms, requiring a fourteen period and confirmation of negative test before being able to return to campus. As our on-campus community is currently under 1,000 individuals, we will be following the guidance for that level and utilizing pooled surveillance testing of 50 percent (218) of our community each week. Resident students will be tested every week. Of this number, 138 of our students will be tested weekly. GCC community members who are not taking on-campus, in-person courses, are not living in College Village, and faculty and staff who are working entirely remotely will not need to be tested as they are not at risk of exposure or spread within our campus.

All resident students will be tested within the two week testing period at a testing point adjacent to College Village. Non-resident students will be tested on-campus in groups by class, with our test administrators visiting classrooms to conduct the testing. This should ease the burden of going to a testing center, and ensure the greatest level of compliance.

For faculty and staff, voluntary testing will take place each week. Testing will be done on campus at the campus medical health center in the Student Union.

The pooled testing will use pools of 12 people to be screened in one test. The testing will be done using saliva swabs and sent to SUNY Upstate Medical Center. A negative pooled test will

result in all 12 people in the group to be presumed negative at that time and to continue to function in their normal college activities.

In the event of a positive test for a given 12 person pool, individual testing of each person in that group will then be conducted in conjunction with local and county testing centers. All individual testing will take place off campus in coordination with county health department. Those tested will share the result digitally with GCC's Technical Specialist in the testing office, and must produce a negative result before being permitted to return. A positive result from the second test will lead to any positive individual being required to self-isolate for the full 14 day period, and will need to have a negative test thereafter to return to campus. During the time awaiting the results of the second test, the entire pool will self-isolate at home for faculty and staff, and in a residence isolation area for students. GCC has adequate isolation space within College Village residence halls, due to our halls being currently 60 percent vacant.

### **Staffing**

GCC has designed a Technical Specialist role who will oversee and direct the collection and management of samples and data. Julie Meredith, a current college athletic trainer, is our Technical Specialist. She will shift her role to take on this responsibility. This role will collect samples from students, faculty, and staff. Finally, the Technical Specialist will serve as the point person for management and transit coordination of samples to SUNY Upstate Medical Center via express mail delivery, and serve as the recipient of the deliverable data from SUNY Upstate Medical Center. The TS will be trained face to face on the GCC main campus on how to prepare the testing site area, conduct pooled sample collection and blending, and to secure samples. All of this will be done based on the guidance from and in consultation with SUNY Upstate Medical Center. It is not expected that anyone else will need to be trained. Adequate PPE for the Technical Specialist will be provided by GCC for and anyone else from our health center in contact with individuals or testing materials.

Coordination of student isolation on campus will be handled by the Technical Specialist (To be Hired) making the following individuals aware of those in need of isolation within College Village residence halls, who will then place the affected students in the spaces already allocated for isolation: Dean of Students (Patricia Chaya), Assistant Dean of Students (Tanya Lane-Martin), Executive Director of GCC Foundation (Justin Johnston). In the event that any off-campus student does not have adequate isolation space, College Village will serve as an available option to isolate. There are four vacant residence hall buildings available for isolation and for quarantine, with a total capacity of 60 private rooms with private restroom access. Students who need to isolate will be reassigned an individual isolation room by the Assistant Dean of Students, who along with the College Village staff, will ensure that the needs of the student are met during the isolation period. Food and supplies are available for delivery to such students, as well as staff who can visit local merchants for needed items. At the conclusion of the isolation period, once a student has a negative test, the student will be released to return to previous individual room and able to return to campus for courses or other needs.

For health concerns or questions from those in isolation, the college has two part-time nurses on staff who can provide assistance. GCC also has a close working relationship with the hospital in Batavia, United Memorial Medical Center, and can send students there for care if needed.

### **Technology Involved**

GCC is tracking its testing and tracing through a combination of internal staff and technologies, including the Technical Specialist mentioned above, and through usage of SmartSheet and Excel logging systems. We do not, at this time, have a specific IT platform for reporting results, beyond the Smartsheet and Excel listed above. We are currently exploring and discussing potential additional software to implement if the planned system is found to need further efficiency. We maintain an active inventory of the available isolations spaces. In the event of needed contact tracing, we will engage with our county health department.

### **Wastewater Testing**

As our on-campus community is currently well under 1,000 individuals, we will be following the guidance for that level. We will also be testing all of our resident students, and believe that by doing so, we meet the exemption level to not conduct wastewater surveillance testing.