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## Message from President Stephen H. Kolison, Jr., Sept. 2, 2022

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To: Faculty/Staff group &lt;facultystaff@fredonia.edu&gt;, All Registered students &lt;students@fredonia.edu&gt;



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Dear Fredonia community:

I hope the fall semester is off to a great start.

It has been exhilarating to see students in the classroom and at various events on campus, such as Activities Night this past Wednesday or the ribbon-cutting for the Blue Devil Den game room. While we have returned to a sense of normalcy, unfortunately, COVID-19 continues to be an issue on college campuses like ours. We have seen an uptick in student cases this past week at the Student Health Center. The cases are occurring in both the on-campus and off-campus student populations. The increase we are seeing on campus also mirrors an uptick in cases throughout Chautauqua County.

Many of the students testing positive report feeling like they had a minor cold or they thought they had allergies. For this reason, I would like to remind you of some simple but important things you can do:

- If you feel sick, no matter how minor the symptoms, please test. At-home tests are available in the Student Health Center, Williams Center Student Union (Freddy's Locker next to the Blue Lounge) or Residence Hall offices;
- If you are immunocompromised, consult with your physician on the best steps to take to protect yourself;
- Masks are not required on campus, but you should feel comfortable wearing one if you so choose. Based on the information from the CDC, an N-95 mask is the best type of mask to prevent the spread of the current dominant variant of COVID-19.

While we continue to operate as normal at SUNY Fredonia, several campus committees continue to monitor the cases and our current plan. With the long weekend upon us, I encourage you to remain vigilant and take care of each other by taking care of yourself. Get tested early if you feel ill.

I hope you have a safe weekend and enjoy the weather outside!

Very truly yours,

Dr. K

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