**Landmark College Update on COVID-19 Testing of Students, Faculty, and Staff**

Landmark College is keeping the surrounding community apprised of our approach to offering residential and online programs to our students during the Fall 2020 semester. This includes health and safety protocols related to preventing spread of the novel coronavirus.

Health Services conducted COVID-19 screening tests on 383 students and a select group of employees (based on their positions) during the week of September 28 through October 4. Results included 377 negative tests, four inconclusive tests, and positive tests for one student and one employee. These results are in line with other small colleges in the area.

Both individuals who tested positive are currently exhibiting no symptoms of coronavirus. In accordance with safety protocols, they have been placed in isolation.

Through a review by the College and contact tracing conducted by the State of Vermont, six students were identified as close contacts of the positive cases and were moved to housing on campus reserved for contact quarantine or are quarantining at home.

Follow-up testing will occur on October 8, 2020 and will include all who are in contact quarantine or whose tests returned as inconclusive.

Complete testing data can be found at <https://www.landmark.edu/covid-19-dashboard>. This page is updated every Tuesday. Another battery of routine screenings will be conducted in November. These will include all students, faculty and staff who are living or working on campus during the Fall Semester.

All Landmark College community members are required to self-monitor for symptoms daily and report them using a COVID-specific app, self-isolate if they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or are exposed to another individual who tests positive for COVID-19, and comply with all protocols for testing, face-covering, hand-washing, and physical distancing. In addition, many staff and faculty members are working remotely on either a full-time or hybrid schedule in an effort to reduce population density on campus

The College’s Critical Incident Response Team continues to meet weekly to review and monitor policies and procedures informed by state guidelines and best practices.

Members of the campus leadership team meet weekly with the presidents of other independent Vermont colleges throughout the semester in order to remain united in our individual and collective efforts to deliver a college education this semester.

The Health Services staff meets weekly with the Vermont Department of Health and college health services and leadership teams.

Questions about Landmark College policies and protocols related to COVID-19 testing and management should be directed to publichealth@landmark.edu.

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