



COVID-19 UPDATE

Dec. 16, 2021

SUMMARY:

Regional positivity in the North Country is higher than 9 percent currently. Please stay vigilant, wear your mask, and help curb the spread of Covid-19. Note: This will be the last update until the start of the Spring 2022 semester.

BOOSTER UPDATE:

While the college and SUNY are not requiring boosters, **we strongly encourage** those who've already been vaccinated to get a booster.

Currently available data suggests that immunity against COVID-19 goes down over time, and a booster shot can help your body maintain a higher level of immunity and protection. Preliminary studies show that a booster provides extra protection against the emerging Omicron variant.

Check your college email later today for more information on why getting a booster is important, and where to find a vaccination site. [There is a walk-in vaccination clinic in Plattsburgh](#) this Saturday from 11 to 3 p.m.

INFLUENZA RATES UP:

Essex County reported this week that it is experiencing [high influenza activity levels](#), mirroring the statewide trend. The same strategies used to prevent COVID-19 infection can help prevent the spread of flu and lessen the severity of severe illness. Get your flu shot, stay home when sick, wash hands and wear a mask in public/crowded places.

MORE UPDATES:

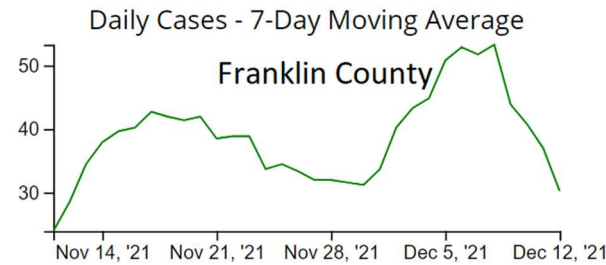
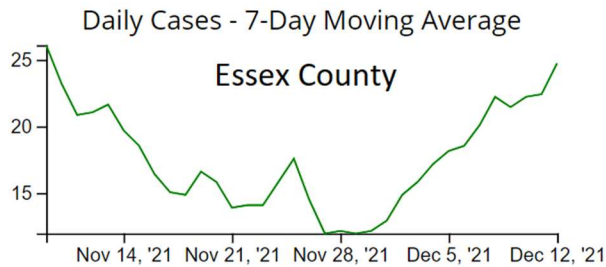
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NCCC POSITIVE COVID CASES (ALL CAMPUSES)

Total Current Positive Cases 5
Total Positives Last 14 Days 6

Campus Location	Current Positive Cases
Malone	0
Saranac Lake	4
Ticonderoga	1

ESSEX/FRANKLIN COUNTY POSITIVITY TRENDS:



Since Thanksgiving, positivity rates have climbed in both Essex and Franklin counties. Although the number of positive cases in Franklin County has dropped in recent days, the county says the level of community transmission remains high. Data from the [CDC's COVID Tracker](#).

POSITIVITY PEAKS AT SUNY CAMPUSES

The 14-day average of [positive cases within SUNY](#) has never been higher.

