

Office of the President

As you know, a total solar eclipse will cross North America this day. Western New York and Daemen's Amherst campus are in the direct path of totality, making our region a major destination for travelers.

Because there is an expected influx of up to a million visitors to the Buffalo-Niagara region, County Executive Mark Poloncarz has recommended area businesses close and people avoid non-essential travel.

The decision to close Daemen is based on a number of considerations, including:

- The regional infrastructure will be heavily burdened. There is an expectation of extraordinarily heavy traffic on highways and across both Grand Island bridges. Doing our part to stay off roads can help ease the burden on first responders should emergency response be needed.
- The regional cellular towers will be heavily taxed, and cellular service will likely be interrupted. It is recommended that you have a [communication plan](#)

- There are concerns we may not have Internet access due to these disruptions.
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