

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT
PRESIDENT'S CAMPUS UPDATES



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Dear Cerritos College Community,

LA Public Health officials have confirmed late this afternoon that a member of our campus Community, who is currently in-home quarantine, has tested positive for COVID-19.

Due to privacy laws, we are not able to share the employee's name or identifying information, however, **please be assured that Executive Council and the LA County Health Department are working to notify any campus community members with whom the affected individual indicates they may have come in contact to advise them of steps or precautions they should take.** At this point we have contacted all known campus individuals who came in contact with the employee in accordance with LA Public Health guidelines. The employee was last on campus March 23, after the physical closure of our facilities and has had limited contact with the rest of the campus community.

Students, faculty and staff presenting symptoms of COVID-19 must immediately [home quarantine](#). Students who develop symptoms can call the Student Health Services ((562) 860-2451, ext. 2321) for phone triage, use the [Ask a Nurse Practitioner Link](#), or call their primary care provider for medical advice. Employees should call their primary care provider or local public health department for guidance.

Continue to practice social distancing per the [LA County Public Health Department](#) and the [guidelines of the CDC](#) and abide by the LA Mayor Garcetti's [Stay-at-Home Orders](#). Cerritos College will continue to diligently follow recommendations of public health officials and infectious disease experts to further reduce community transmission of the virus.

We continue to monitor this rapidly changing situation. The health and wellbeing of our campus community continues to be our highest priority. The best place to find information on Cerritos College's response to coronavirus is at <https://www.cerritos.edu/shs/covid-19.htm>.

Please remember that help is only a phone call away. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can help with many concerns during this difficult time. With EAP, you get help when you need it. It's easy to make the call to (800) 531-0200 and it is confidential, so no one will know you called unless you tell them. Professional counselors answer all calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Please join me in wishing a speedy recovery to our colleague and friend.

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