Dear Cerritos College Community,

Today we were notified 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 are working together to notify any campus community members with whom the affected individual may have come in contact with. 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 Thursday, August 20, 2020, after the physical closure of our facilities and has had very 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 and wear face coverings when you leave your home. These recommendations are per the LA County Public Health Department and the guidelines of the CDC and Governor’s Newsom’s Stay-at-Home Order. Cerritos College will continue to diligently follow recommendations of public health officials and infectious disease experts to further reduce community transmission of the virus.

The health and wellbeing of our campus community continue to be our highest priority. Please remember that help is only a phone call away. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can help with many concerns during this difficult time. It’s easy to make the call 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. The number is 1(800)531-0200.

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

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