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## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

With the unfortunate surge in COVID-19 cases and the flu season upon us, we would like to remind all staff to stay home if you, or members of your household, are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 and immediately seek medical advice. It's always safer to err on the side of caution to protect yourself, your loved ones and your colleagues. For more information on symptoms associated with COVID-19, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Staff housed in the President's Office, and a few other staff on campus, were possibly exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19 over this past weekend. All staff who were possibly exposed were immediately notified of this incident. Out of an abundance of caution, staff worked remotely and got tested. The President's Office and the Board Room were sanitized by an outside vendor. Pending test results, the President's Office will return to work. The College is taking every precaution to maintain the health and safety of our staff.

## **Student Cases**

On Wednesday, November 18, the College received news that an in-person art course student tested positive for COVID-19. The student tested positive on Sunday, November 15, and has been in self-quarantine since. The instructor tested negative on November 18 and has immediately notified the students affected to self-quarantine. As an immediate response to protect the health and safety of our workforce and students, the following preventative measures were taken: the classroom on the first floor of the Business Building was immediately closed. An outside vendor thoroughly cleaned and sanitized with CDC approved disinfectants.

The College was also informed that a few other students were infected with COVID-19 last week. Below are some details of these student cases:

- On Wednesday, November 18, the College was notified that a student enrolled in a Human Services remote course tested positive. The student tested positive on November 11 and has been in self-quarantine since.
- On Thursday, November 12, the College learned that a nursing student tested positive on November 10. The student was fulfilling clinical hours at the Orchard Post-Acute Care Center and exposed four (4) other students and one (1) instructor. All exposed have taken the COVID-19 test since: four (4) returned negative and one (1) is awaiting the results. All have been in self-quarantine since.

- On Tuesday, November 10, the College was informed that a student enrolled in a Drug and Alcohol Studies course, tested positive. The student developed symptoms on November 7. While the class is taught remotely, the student had an internship component. The student has been in self-quarantine since November 10. The internship site was also notified and no other student interns were exposed.

We wish all a speedy recovery.

We are actively working with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) to facilitate their Contact Tracing protocols for identifying individuals who need to be assessed as possible contacts as a result of these reported cases.