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## CCC COVID-19 Update

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Good afternoon,

I hope everyone is doing well. We wanted to let students know the latest developments regarding COVID-19 on campus. Colby Community College (CCC) currently has two confirmed cases of COVID-19. The individuals (including potential direct exposures) involved in the situation are currently quarantining. CCC cannot legally disclose who has tested positive for COVID-19. If an individual is suspected to have been exposed, they will be directed by Thomas County Health Department or Citizen's Health to quarantine.

In response to the positive cases on campuses, the College has transitioned the Practical Nursing program to an online modality for two weeks, due to direct potential exposure. In addition, CCC closed down classes for the Physical Therapist Assistant program and the Registered Nursing program for today (9/9/2020) and they are expected to resume normal operation beginning tomorrow. The Health Science's building has already undergone multiple cleanings for the day and will be recleaned throughout the remainder of the day and then again tonight. CCC wants to ensure the area is prepared as possible for a safe reopening.

Please make sure you all continue to wear your masks and practice social distancing. I am becoming more concerned about this issue, as I believe we all have become a little too relaxed in regards to wearing a mask. CCC is going to become much more restrictive on this requirement and if someone does not wish to comply they may be asked to leave campus. Please understand the continued operation of face-to-face courses directly hinges on everyone's ability to follow KDHE health protocols. Enclosed is a direct link that allows everyone to see updated information regarding the number of confirmed cases on campus (reviewed and updated daily), health tips, and previous communications from the College on COVID-19. <https://www.colbycc.edu/news-information/2019-20/covid-19-updates.html>

CCC has no current plans to transition courses to a remote modality for the remainder of the semester. There is no need for speculation or rumors because if that decision was going to be made, every student would hear that message directly from me. CCC highly values transparency and at any point, if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to us. Take care and have a wonderful day.

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