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Dear Westminster Faculty and Staff,

As COVID-19 continues to spread throughout our nation, I am writing to inform you that one of our valued employees has tested positive for the virus. It is important to note that this individual has NOT been on campus for two weeks and has had minimal contact with the larger campus community. Any department that may be affected has been notified.

As always, my utmost concern is the health and safety of our Blue Jays, and my ultimate goal is to be as transparent as possible with our Westminster community. With these goals in mind, we are following the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and are working with the Callaway County Health Department. The Health Department currently is conducting a contact investigation and, if necessary, will be in touch with those who may have been in close contact with the individual. Additionally, Human Resources will be in touch with supervisors and others if there is concern that would warrant additional measures, such as self-quarantining or testing.

In my last communication with staff on March 18, I encouraged everyone to work remotely until April 6. Given the recent scheduling changes with local schools as well as the more recent statewide health recommendations, I am encouraging individuals to continue to work remotely, if possible, until April 27.

As cases of COVID-19 continue to increase throughout the nation, it is important to reiterate that if you are concerned about being sick or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you can reach out to our Wellness Center by contacting Kim Lorentz, our campus nurse practitioner, at (573) 592-5361 or kim.lorentz@westminster-mo.edu. Telehealth visits are easily available via iPad, smartphone, or computer. Telephone consultations also are available. Additionally, the CDC has created an [online symptom checker](#).

Here are a few reminders:

- Onset of symptoms is 2-14 days after exposure.
- Symptoms include cough, fever, and fatigue.
- Wash hands frequently for 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Cover coughs and sneezes, and dispose of tissues in the trash, followed by hand-washing.
- Avoid touching your nose, mouth, and eyes.
- Keep six feet between others when you are in public.
- Stay home when possible.

Please continue to do your best to stay healthy, and I ask you to keep our Westminster community in your thoughts as we continue to work together during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

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President of the College

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