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Dear Westminster Community,

Now that our students are with us on campus and Fall Semester 2020 is underway, the Westminster College COVID-19 Task Force wants to make sure you continually receive up-to-date information on our coronavirus policies and procedures. The purpose of this letter is to help you if you have specific concerns about COVID-19 exposure.

Please review the following frequently asked questions. You are encouraged to print this letter and keep the Wellness Center and COVID-19 hotline phone numbers handy in case you have questions or concerns this semester.

**What should I do if I come into contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19?**

During normal business hours, please call or e-mail the Wellness Center. Wellness Center staff can be reached at (573) 592-5361 or [WellnessCenter@WCMO.edu](mailto:WellnessCenter@WCMO.edu). In addition, you may call the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services COVID-19 hotline at 877-435-8411 to seek guidance. We suggest that you limit your movement on campus until you speak with the Wellness Center or Department of Health representative.

**Who do I contact after hours if I have concerns about COVID-19?**

If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 after hours, please contact the COVID-19 hotline at 877-435-8411. If you have an urgent concern after hours, please contact Campus Security at 573-592-5555. If you have a concern during business hours, please contact the Wellness Center at 573-592-5361.

**What is the process if I test positive for COVID-19?**

If you receive a positive test, you should contact the Wellness Center during business hours or Campus Security after business hours. Staff and faculty should return home and not report to campus. If you are a student, you will be reminded to wear your required mask, to return to your room, and to remain in your room until notified.

Quarantine/isolation spaces are reserved on campus for students who need to move from their housing assignment to a new location. If you need to move rooms, you will be notified of your new housing location and the appropriate timeframe for moving your items. Students moving to a quarantine/isolation location will be allowed to make one trip to their new location. Any items the student is unable to move at that time should be placed in bags, which will be moved for the student to their new location.

After moving into the quarantine/isolation location, students will remain in this space until instructed otherwise by the Callaway County Health Department or the Wellness Center.

**Do I return home if I test positive for COVID-19 or come into contact with someone who has the virus?**

If you are staff or faculty, you should go home and communicate with Human Resources and your supervisor. A student who tests positive or has been in contact with someone who has tested positive will be moved to a quarantine/isolation location on campus. A response team member will assist you to ensure your needs are met while in quarantine. If you prefer, however, you can choose to return home for quarantine/isolation. Prior to returning home, you should notify the Office of Student Life at [StuLife@WCMO.edu](mailto:StuLife@WCMO.edu) of your plans to return home for the remainder of your quarantine/isolation period. Once you have been notified by your respective local health department or the Wellness Center that you may leave quarantine, you then can return to campus.

**If I am quarantined/isolated, when can I return to normal campus activity?**

Quarantine is for individuals who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Isolation is for those who have tested positive for the virus. You no longer need to quarantine when 14 days have passed since your exposure and you are free of symptoms. If you become symptomatic or test positive during quarantine, this timeframe will be determined based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Release will be determined by your local health department, healthcare provider, or the Wellness Center.

You no longer need to be isolated after you meet each of the following guidelines established by the CDC:

1. At least 10 days have passed since the onset of your symptoms.
2. At least 24 hours have passed since your fever resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications.
3. Other symptoms have improved.

Westminster College may require documentation of a negative test as well as a medical release in order to return to campus residential living and activities.

I know this is a lot of information, but our COVID-19 Task Force wants to be sure you are as informed and prepared as possible. These frequently asked questions and much more can be found on the COVID-19 portion of our [website](#). You are encouraged to visit the site often and to reach out to the Wellness Center staff if you need further information.

As always, please rest assured that through guidance provided by the CDC, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Callaway County Health Department, and American College Health Association, our COVID-19 Task Force is working tirelessly to ensure your health and well-being. We wish you a healthy and happy Fall Semester 2020!

Sincerely,

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