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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

This morning, I obtained a message that a William Woods University (WWU) student has received a presumptive positive test result for COVID-19. The message outlined actions that are being undertaken at WWU in response to their campus-specific concerns. I want to reassure you that at this time, no case of COVID-19 has been found at Westminster College, but we are continuing to monitor their situation closely and will adhere to directives we may receive from the Callaway County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Because this case is in our back yard, I want to assure you that WWU is following CDC guidelines and best practices for addressing a positive coronavirus case on college campuses. Furthermore, given that our campus is closed for spring break, I want you to know that we will adhere to our already-implemented guidance to keep the number of people on our campus to an absolute minimum. Our first concern is and will continue to be the welfare and safety of our community. Staff members should stay at home and use remote means whenever possible. For those who must come on campus, we ask that you limit your exposure to others and follow the safety guidelines we sent out via email earlier this week. Those guidelines can be found on our website at www.wcmo.edu, which you should continue reviewing regularly.

For the few students who remain on campus, we ask that you follow the same guidance as the rest of the community and stay in your rooms except for essential activities. Dr. Kasi Lacey is a great resource for communication right now, and I ask you to refer to her earlier communication and reach out if needed. At this time, dining hall services are scheduled to resume on Monday, March 23. Students remaining on campus will be able to pick up to-go meals from Fresh Ideas to take to your respective rooms.

At this time, we realize we have students who will want to return to campus to retrieve their belongings and are urging you comply with social distancing and to

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the online check-out form when vacating housing. Please remember to communicate with Student Life staff and to be patient about all of these processes during this trying time.

We will continue to communicate with you regarding Westminster's response to the COVID-19 situation. I want to remind you that this is not the time for false bravado or disdain for regulation. We all have to work together to beat this virus, and we will. As always, Blue Jays, please stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

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