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Subject: Confirmed COVID-19 Case at Compton College - March 26, 2021

Campus Community,

On **Thursday, March 25, 2021**, Compton College received notification that an individual tested positive for COVID-19, the 2019 novel coronavirus disease. The individual was tested on **Wednesday, March 24, 2021**, and was confirmed to have COVID-19 on **Thursday, March 25, 2021**. The individual's identity and personal information are considered confidential and may not be disclosed to protect this individual's privacy. Through our contact tracing, on **Thursday, March 25, 2021**, we confirmed the individual was last on campus on **Wednesday, March 24, 2021**.

The [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#) has advised that individuals who test positive for coronavirus are deemed to be infectious two days before the test date or the date they first experienced symptoms. We determined through our contact tracing that the individual was on campus while infectious but that their interactions with others on campus did not meet the definition of a "close contact" (i.e., within 6 feet for 15 or more minutes). As a result, there is no need for any Compton College employees or students to self-quarantine at this time. As a precaution, those individuals who had some contact with the individual in question will receive written notification of this incident today and be encouraged to monitor for symptoms.

It's important to know that COVID-19 transmission is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (i.e., within 6 feet for 15 or more minutes), and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talk. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. To learn more about this, click [here](#).

If you experience symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "What To Do If You Are Sick" information, which is available [here](#), and contact your health care provider, or the St. John's Student Health Center by calling 323-541-1411 if you have questions, concerns, or would like to make an appointment to visit a clinic.

You may also call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health directly at 213-240-7941 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) or 213-974-1234 (after hours) and follow their instructions:

- Diligently follow best hygiene practices, including washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer, covering coughs and sneezes with tissues, avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and avoiding close contact such as shaking hands.
- If you live with someone, maintain social distancing by staying at least six feet away, and do not share utensils and other personal items.
- If you live with someone who exhibits these symptoms now or in the future, he or she must also self-isolate for a total of 14 days from the onset of symptoms.

Included with this letter are additional resources from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: [What If I'm Exposed](#) and the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). Please follow these guidelines closely, both for yourself and for your loved ones. Your health and well-being are our priority. If a student or employee tests positive, please follow these communication protocols:

- Students should contact their instructor via email as soon as possible and provide additional information*. The instructor will then contact the Compton College Pandemic Coordinators (rbox@compton.edu, rjames@compton.edu, hparnock@compton.edu, lowens@compton.edu, and rsasser@compton.edu) and call Human Resources at ext. 2400.

- Employees are to contact the Pandemic Coordinators (rbox@compton.edu, rjames@compton.edu, hparnock@compton.edu, lowens@compton.edu, and rsasser@compton.edu) via email as soon as possible and provide additional information* and call Human Resources at (310) 900-1600 ext. 2400.
- *Additional information includes: full name, Compton College student ID if applicable, when you tested positive, when and where you were last on campus, and include the list of classes you are enrolled in or teaching this semester.

The [Compton CCD Pandemic Outbreak - Emergency Operations Plan](#) guides our response to the possible scenarios that may occur as the COVID-19 situation progresses. Compton CCD is **now** operating at **Level Four – Severe Infection Rate**. Please visit the Compton College COVID-19 webpage [here](#) for updates.

Sincerely,

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(preferred pronouns: he/him/his)

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