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**Subject:** Student Communication Regarding COVID-19

LTCC Students:

I hope this email finds you safe and healthy.

I write to advise that we have recently learned that a member of the LTCC community, an adjunct faculty member, has tested positive for COVID-19 (the contraction of the virus has been classified as travel-related by El Dorado County Public Health officials). I know that this will likely prompt immediate questions and concerns, and we will do our best to answer those questions and allay those concerns. Please understand, however, that we have an obligation to protect the privacy of all members of our campus community, including students, which necessarily limits the amount of information we can legally share.

First, and thankfully, this individual was only on campus for a very short time after their exposure (under 10 minutes) on Thursday, March 19, 2020, during a time that the individual was not exhibiting any symptoms. They entered the main building to pick up materials, did not interact with any students, and had no close nor prolonged contact with anyone during their brief time on campus. Moreover, the physical areas of the campus through which the individual passed were already part of LTCC's daily disinfectant regimen and have since undergone additional and exceedingly thorough sanitization. I am pleased to report that individual's condition is improving, and we are encouraged at the prospects of a full and speedy recovery for this member of our community.

This situation underscores the need for all of us to physically distance even when we show no signs of the virus. We now have confirmed cases in our county and potential for community spread. This incident of travel related COVID-19 is a good reminder to stay home and shelter in place this Spring Break. I urge you all to continue taking reasonable precautions and to practice social distancing until directed otherwise.

The most [common symptoms](#) of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. According to the [CDC](#), symptoms can appear anywhere from two days to two weeks after exposure, although [recent medical research](#) estimates that the median incubation period for COVID-19 is slightly more than five (5) days, with 97% of patients showing symptoms within 11.5 days.

Updates about the virus, its local impact, and the college closure will be regularly posted to [www.ltcc.edu/coronavirus](http://www.ltcc.edu/coronavirus), on the college's social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), and on the Coyote Corner app (download at [www.ltcc.campusapp.com](http://www.ltcc.campusapp.com)).

We will keep you posted if there are any further developments.

Stay safe,

President Jeff DeFranco