April 8, 2020

Dear CDU Students, Faculty and Staff:

We are committed to the health and safety of the CDU Family as well as open communications during this COVID-19 crisis, so I wanted to give everyone an update on several student exposures to the coronavirus.

We have had two students who tested positive earlier this week and are in quarantine. We have had three others who have reported symptoms recently consistent with a cold or upper respiratory infection but have not been tested. No one is hospitalized; everyone is recovering at home. We do not believe these exposures occurred on campus, and since the University converted to online teaching during the second week of March, we have had no direct campus exposures.

As a reminder, for educational continuity, faculty, staff and students are required to inform the University of their exposure (or known faculty, staff or student exposure) to COVID-19 so that we can make necessary accommodations for them. The Provost compiles a list of those affected and updates it daily.

We have a Care Team set up that reaches out to the sick and others to convey our community support and encouragement at this difficult time. You can access the Care Team through a dedicated email, CareTeam@cdrewu.edu.

We also have the Student Health and Wellness Counseling Services, available here, if students need to discuss concerns with a mental health professional.

We will continue to update this information via broadcast emails and at the President’s forums.

Stay well.

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