New Confirmed COVID-19 Case at El Camino College

El Camino College received an initial report on Tuesday, March 31 that another member of the campus community has tested positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus. **The individual was last on campus on Thursday, March 12.** After experiencing symptoms, the individual was confirmed to have COVID-19 on Sunday, March 29. We sought additional information to confirm the initial report, and we received final confirmation on Thursday, April 9. To protect patient privacy, the individual's information is considered confidential and will not be disclosed.

Members of the campus community who may have been exposed to the affected individual have been identified and notified. Because this individual was last on campus more than a month ago, the 14-day period of self-quarantine recommended by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has passed. Nevertheless, members of the campus community who may have been exposed have been advised to still watch for symptoms. Areas this individual is known to have visited before testing positive for COVID-19 have been identified and will undergo thorough disinfection.

Although the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 did require hospitalization, the individual is now recuperating at home. The entire El Camino College community sends its sincere wishes for a quick recovery.

As always, all El Camino College students and employees are asked to follow the directions given by public health officials and elected officials during this outbreak. This includes obeying the stay-at-home orders from Los Angeles County and the State of California, following correct social distancing practices, and continuing to maintain proper hygiene.

Actions El Camino College Has Taken

Prior to the stay-at-home orders being issued, El Camino College began moving all lecture classes and student services online. This action, taken March 13, was implemented for the health and safety of our campus community while still delivering needed instruction and support.

We will remain in this online mode through the end of Summer Session. Lab and activity classes that cannot be supported otherwise are cancelled. The majority of campus employees are working remotely, with only select essential personnel allowed on campus. Students, all other employees, and the public must remain off campus.

Actions You Can Take

Staying informed and being proactive is critically important as we work together to stay healthy. Please visit these links to find additional helpful information:

Protecting Yourself from COVID-19

COVID-19 Symptoms

What to Do if You're Sick

Managing Stress & Anxiety

If you're experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, and difficulty breathing/shortness of breath), please stay at home and call your primary healthcare provider immediately for instructions.