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New Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Reported on Campus

El Camino College received a confirmed report on August 18, 2021, that two students and one faculty member have tested positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus. To protect patient privacy, information regarding these individuals is considered confidential and will not be disclosed.

The individuals tested positive on August 16, and were last on campus on August 18. These individuals have been contacted to identify close contacts while on campus, and those contacts will be notified as soon as possible. Any individuals who are required to observe the minimum 10-day isolation at home will be advised to do so. The areas where the affected individuals visited, the men's locker room in the Stadium, and the free weight room building located in the Pool/Classroom building and Room 208 located in the new Gym building have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected as required. It is important to know that transmission more commonly occurs via sustained face-to-face contact and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Surface transmission is less common.

The entire El Camino College community sends these individuals 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 and elected officials during this outbreak. This includes obeying the Health Officer's most recent orders from Los Angeles County and the State of California.

For more information on how COVID-19 is spread, infection prevention techniques, and other COVID-19 related resources, please refer to the El Camino College COVID-19 Task Force Website, <u>https://www.elcamino.edu/notices/coronavirus/index.aspx</u>.