September 1, 2020

Dear Northwestern family,

We learned late this afternoon that a current University of Northwestern Ohio student tested positive for COVID-19. This is the first and only confirmed case on campus.

The affected student followed the UNOH Return-to-Campus protocols and immediately notified the appropriate University personnel once they were aware of their exposure to a positive case unrelated to University operations. The student, who lives off campus, was promptly seen by a medical provider, tested, and stayed away from campus while awaiting their test results. The University received notification of the positive result today. The student is currently asymptomatic and will remain in isolation until they are released by the appropriate health department officials. Ensuring the anonymity of this student is paramount. If you are aware of the student's identity, please respect their privacy so they can focus completely on their health.

Under the careful direction of University administration, in collaboration with Allen County Public Health's guidance, contact tracing had already begun, and the 2 students who may have been exposed have been notified, are being quarantined, and monitoring for symptoms. We will do everything we can to support these individuals.

While we have carefully planned for the possibility of a positive COVID-19 case on our campus, this diagnosis reinforces the importance of practicing good hand hygiene, maintaining 6ft physical distance as often as possible, wearing a mask at all times and a face shield while working in small groups. Please continue to perform a personal health check each day, and report any COVID-19 symptoms to your supervisor or instructor as well as your medical provider.

We encourage you to refer again to the [Return to Campus](#) guidelines, specifically the [Reporting, Monitoring, and Identifying Potential Cases](#) page to review the list of symptoms as well as the plans and protocols that are in place to protect our campus community.

Sincerely,

University Administration

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