

September 16, 2020

Dear Northwestern family,

We learned today that two current University of Northwestern Ohio students tested positive for COVID-19. This is the second and third confirmed case in connection with UNOH. The first case, announced in early September, has been resolved and all impacted persons have returned to campus.

The currently affected students, who live on campus, were seen by medical providers when symptoms appeared. They were tested and then returned home to self-quarantine off-campus. They will remain in isolation until they are released by the appropriate health department officials. Ensuring the anonymity of these students is paramount. If you are aware of the students' identities, 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 has been initiated with direct communication to anyone determined to have been in close contact with the positive students. A close contact is defined as someone who has been within 6 feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes. The 9 students who were identified as close contacts are being quarantined and currently monitoring for symptoms. We will do everything we can to support these individuals.

The University of Northwestern Ohio continues to follow all federal, state, and local guidelines to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Those measures include requiring facial coverings by all students, faculty, staff, and visitors, installation of physical barriers in all classrooms and in high traffic areas, installation of hand sanitizing stations in all classrooms and buildings, installing signage and markers to emphasize social distancing guidelines, and requiring faculty, staff, and students to self-screen daily for any symptoms of COVID-19.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, shortness of breath, muscle aches or a cough, headache, diarrhea, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell, should immediately contact their supervisor or instructor then seek medical attention for evaluation and stay home until cleared to return to campus.

We encourage you to refer 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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