May 12, 2022

Dear Campus Community,

Today, May 12th, a member of our Emergency Operations Team was notified that an LCC student has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was last on campus May 10th in the Vocational Building and is currently in isolation.

I understand that this news is concerning, and want to assure you that we are actively following guidance from the <u>Cowlitz_County Health Department</u> and recommendations from the <u>Washington State Department of Health</u> and <u>U.S Centers for Disease Control & Prevention</u>. Due to privacy laws, we cannot share the name of the individual or other personally identifiable information.

Anyone with <u>symptoms of COVID-19</u> is encouraged to self-isolate according to our <u>Return to</u> <u>Campus Guide</u>, and contact their health care provider for guidance. To help keep our campus community safe, please also let us know by emailing <u>covid@lowercolumbia.edu</u>. Your information will be kept confidential, and we will connect you with campus support options.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please email <u>covid@lowercolumbia.edu</u>. Updates and information about the virus, including links to resources, are available on our website at <u>lowercolumbia.edu/covid-19</u>.

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health.

- Students, our counselors are available to serve you during this time of uncertainty. Please contact them at <u>lcromwell@lowercolumbia.edu</u> or <u>jhouge@lowercolumbia.edu</u> to request assistance. This is a free and confidential service.
- Employees, during this stressful time, remember the <u>Employee Assistance Program</u> (<u>EAP</u>) is available. EAP services are free and confidential.

Stay safe!

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