

July 29, 2022

Dear Campus Community,

Today, July 29th, a member of our Emergency Operations Team was notified that an LCC employee has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual was last on campus July 28th in the Library 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 [Cowlitz County Health Department](#) and recommendations from the [Washington State Department of Health](#) and [U.S Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#).

Due to privacy laws, we cannot share the name of the individual or other personally identifiable information.

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

If you have additional questions or concerns, please email [covid@lowercolumbia.edu](mailto:covid@lowercolumbia.edu). Updates and information about the virus, including links to resources, are available on our website at [lowercolumbia.edu/covid-19](https://lowercolumbia.edu/covid-19).

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 [lcromwell@lowercolumbia.edu](mailto:lcromwell@lowercolumbia.edu) or [jhouge@lowercolumbia.edu](mailto:jhouge@lowercolumbia.edu) to request assistance. This is a free and confidential service.
- Employees, during this stressful time, remember the [Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#) is available. EAP services are free and confidential.

Stay safe!

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