

August 15, 2022

Dear Campus Community,

Today, August 15th, and over the weekend, a member of our Emergency Operations Team was notified that 6 LCC employees have tested positive for COVID-19. The employees were last on campus August 11th in the Student Center, Admissions, Applied Arts, Administration, Main, Health & Science, Campus Services, Rose Center for the Arts, Library, Science, Physical Science, Vocational, Don Talley, and the Fitness Center/Gymnasium Buildings and are 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. 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. Updates and information about the virus, including links to resources, are available on our website at 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 or 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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