

March 30, 2020

Dear University Community-

The University has received notification that an adjunct faculty member has tested positive for COVID-19 after exhibiting symptoms which required hospitalization over the weekend. This individual was last on campus more than 21 days ago. As a result, we do not believe that students or other employees were exposed to COVID-19 via this employee. The employee chose to voluntarily notify CUC upon receipt of the diagnosis.

A member of that individual's immediate household is a full-time staff member, who was last on campus on Wednesday, March 18 and had contact with a limited number of colleagues on that day. The Office of Human Resources is working today to reach out to all individuals who came into contact with this full-time staff member over the past 14 days per guidelines established by healthcare experts. In addition, the University's Housekeeping staff is employing extra deep-cleaning measures within offices, classrooms and other campus locations where the affected individuals were or may have been.

The adjunct faculty member is now recovering at home. We understand that the full-time staff member is not currently exhibiting symptoms and has not been tested for COVID-19, but has taken the precautionary measure of instituting a 14-day home quarantine, as recommended by healthcare experts. We ask that you join us in prayer as we wish them God's blessing during recovery.

Given the rapid spread of the virus throughout the nation, we expect that we will receive additional notifications of students, faculty and staff who have either come into contact with an individual who has COVID-19 and/or have tested positive themselves. We are dedicated to remaining transparent as this situation continues to develop both on and off campus.

Employees and students who have been directly exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case or received a positive diagnosis themselves are asked to:

- Employees notify the Office of Human resources in writing (hr@CUChicago.edu)
- Students notify the Dean of Students office in writing (dos@CUChicago.edu)
- Indicate the date that symptoms were first identified and/or that a positive COVID diagnosis was received
- Indicate all times that they were present on campus during the prior 14 days
- Indicate all campus locations that they were present at during the prior 14 days
- Indicate all other employees and/or students with whom they had direct contact on campus during the prior 14 days

The University may inquire about additional details on a case-by-case basis as each notification is evaluated.

It remains vitally important for all members of the University community to continue to take advantage of teleworking/e-learning opportunities, and employ best social distancing practices. The University's emergency response team continues to follow guidelines and procedures recommended by federal, state and local health authorities.

As such, we ask that you review CDC guidelines for recognizing symptoms, evaluating exposure and taking appropriate measures if sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

Moving forward, the University will provide updates about future cases and/or exposure on its Coronavirus webpage at CUChicago.edu/coronavirus, and will continue to consult with the health department regarding all future COVID-19 cases.

Regards,

Emergency Response Team