

Suffolk County Community College

College Brief

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TO: The College Community

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SUBJECT: Notification of Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

We hope that you and your family are well in this challenging time. The welfare and safety of our College community during this time is our primary concern. As you know, we have been communicating with the community frequently, sharing warnings and developments via email, social media, text alerts, and a central website dedicated to our institution's response to COVID-19.

We continue to work in concert with the guidance and response efforts of the federal government, SUNY, and state and local departments of health. At this time, we are writing to inform you of recent developments relating to COVID-19 on our campuses. This one-time communication provides the required notification related to these events. Ongoing updates regarding the College's actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will be posted on www.sunysuffolk.edu/coronavirus.

As is to be expected with ongoing community spread of COVID-19 in New York State and on Long Island, we have been made aware that members of the College community have tested positive for COVID-19. At this time, these include:

- An Ammerman Campus student, who was last on campus on March 10, 2020. The student is self-quarantining at home and continues to feel much better. Individual faculty and students who may have had contact with the student on or shortly before March 10, 2020 have been individually notified.
- Another Ammerman Campus student, who was last on campus on March 9, 2020. This student is self-quarantining at home and continues to feel much better. Individual faculty and students who may have had contact with the student on or shortly before March 9, 2020 have been notified individually.
- A member of the Michael J. Grant Campus community employed by one of our vendors, Aramark. This individual was last on campus on March 12, 2020 and is currently self-quarantining at home. A close contact of the individual, also a

member of the Michael J. Grant Campus community, is currently exhibiting symptoms but was likewise last on campus on March 12, 2020.

With continued community spread and increased testing for COVID-19 on Long Island, an increase in the number of confirmed cases in the College community should be expected, notwithstanding the measures the College has taken recently to reduce the presence of employees, students, and the public on campus.

We understand this notification may cause concern and wish to emphasize the following:

- The College continues to implement mitigation measures, including enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols, and limit the presence of individuals on campus in accordance with the directives and protocols issued by the federal government, SUNY, and state and local departments of health. We will continue to update you in this regard. In accordance with the “New York State on PAUSE” Executive Order issued by Governor Cuomo, campuses remain closed to students and the public this week, and employee access is restricted as outlined in [College Brief No. 85](#) issued on March 20, 2020.
- We continue to urge all employees and students to be vigilant about their health and to practice good hygiene and everyday preventive actions disseminated in prior College Briefs (frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces; avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands; cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing).
- All employees and students should take great care and monitor themselves for possible symptoms, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and/or respiratory infection/distress.
- Stay home if you are sick or if other members of your household are ill.
- As a reminder, employees and students who test positive for COVID-19 should follow the notification procedures outlined in [College Brief No. 85](#) issued on March 20, 2020 (employees are to notify Angelica Rivera, AVP for Human Resources; students are to notify their Campus Associate Dean of Student Services).
- If you are not feeling sick, stay home as much as possible and practice social distancing. Please adhere to the [social distancing measures](#) implemented by New York State to keep COVID-19 from spreading further.

For continued updates, answers to frequently asked questions, and copies of prior College-wide communications on COVID-19, please visit www.sunysuffolk.edu/coronavirus.

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