

California State University SAN MARCOS

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

To CSUSM Community,

We want to share with you that there continues to be zero suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus involving campus. However, we have learned that three contract CSUSM janitorial staff were contacted by an individual who they spent time with over the weekend who is suspected to have COVID-19. The individual who is suspected to have COVID-19 is NOT part of our campus community. The three contract janitorial staff were in brief proximity to four CSUSM custodians last night, Monday, March 16, while on the night shift.

Dr. James Chun, Student Health and Counseling Services Interim Medical Director, assures us that the risk to campus is very low, but out of an abundance of caution, we have asked our three contract janitorial staff and four custodial staff to stay home and self-quarantine for two weeks, and monitor symptoms.

We are also recleaning the areas that were touched by these individuals last night, including Academic Hall restrooms, the Viasat Engineering Pavilion, Commons, University Student Union trash cans and Science Hall 1 floors, along with all door handles in these spaces. We are currently disinfecting these spaces and expect to be finished within the next 30 minutes. While we are sanitizing, these areas of campus are closed.

We are taking this report seriously but we want to reiterate that the risk to our campus community is very low. If you have any questions, you are welcome to emailcovid@csusm.edu.