



Dear Campus Community,

I hope this message finds you well in these unprecedented times. As you know, we are continuing to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and its impact at CSUSM, and am writing to share an update.

We have confirmed that two members of our campus community have tested positive for COVID-19.

The first individual is a student who does not live on campus nor has been to campus in over two weeks. This individual is self-isolating at home in the San Diego area under the care and guidance of their medical provider. We send our best wishes for a full recovery.

The second individual is also a student who does not live on campus nor has been to campus since early March. Their quarantine ended on March 28 and we are pleased that this individual is doing well.

Due to privacy concerns, I am not able to disclose the identities of these two students, but I can share with you that health officials have contacted those who may have been in close contact with them and need further assessment, self-quarantine or testing.

I know this news may be unsettling. It reminds us that we all need to be vigilant and keep following [CDC recommended preventive actions](#) to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, including:

- Clean your hands often.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Practice social distancing.
- Stay home if you are sick except to get medical care.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- Wear a facemask if you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

What should you do if you feel sick?

If you have a fever or symptoms of a respiratory illness, you must stay home and contact your medical provider. Students may contact their preferred medical provider or Student Health and Counseling Services at 760-750-4915. Students who live in CSUSM housing and become ill should contact Malik Ismail, Director of Housing and Residential Education, at mismail@csusm.edu. We also ask that staff inform their supervisors and faculty inform their dean.

Future campus notifications

As cases of COVID-19 continue to grow and peak in our region and state, we expect there will be additional positive cases connected to our campus community. We will continue to ensure that those who need to know for health and safety purposes are aware so that they may take appropriate measures.

Moving forward, we will plan to send broad campus-wide messages about positive COVID19 cases only if there is confirmed close contact between the diagnosed individual and other CSUSM students, faculty or staff. Updates of confirmed cases connected to CSUSM will be posted on our [Coronavirus Incident website](#).

If you have questions specific to this message or COVID-19 and CSUSM's response, please email covid@csusm.edu.

Sincerely,

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