

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
March 28, 2020

Employee Last on Campus March 17 Has Tested Positive for COVID-19

Yesterday evening, we received notification from a Mt. San Antonio College employee of having tested positive for COVID-19 and having been hospitalized on Friday, March 27, 2020. The employee was last on campus in Building 9B (Student Services) on Tuesday, March 17 and had first reported symptoms on Thursday, March 19. We are doing all we can to support the employee and the employee's family during this critical time.

We wanted to share this information as quickly as possible for your protection and to help reduce rumors or false information. We realize that this news may cause a great deal of anxiety and we want to assure you that we have your best interests and safety at heart. We have already reached out to those known to have been in close contact with the employee and are continuing to call others who may have been in contact with the employee. Although the employee was not symptomatic while on campus, the L.A. County Department of Public Health recommends that those who have been in close contact with someone who is positive or presumed positive must quarantine themselves for 14 days from the last time they had contact with the ill person.

The college's physical campus has been closed since the Governor's stay at home order on March 19, with classes and services moved online. Out of an abundance of caution and to allow for cleaning and sanitization, the College's central campus (north of Temple Avenue and west of Bonita Avenue) will be through Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Critical onsite staff scheduled to be in that area will stay off campus and receive alternate instructions. All faculty and staff already telecommuting should continue to do so.

The best source of public health information is available from the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#) We will also continue to update our Public Health website at www.mtsac.edu/health and urge everyone to continue to follow the "Safer at Home" orders from the Governor and our public health officials.

If you are sick or believe you have been exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19, please contact your primary health care provider as soon as possible. If you do test positive, you need to call Human Resources at (909) 274-4225 immediately. For health-related questions and concerns, call Student Health at (909) 274-4400 and a staff nurse will respond.

Please join me in sending our best wishes to the affected employee for a speedy recovery. And for all of you, stay safe and healthy.

Bill

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