



Dear SMCC Community,

I am writing to inform you that a member of our college community has notified us that they have tested for COVID-19 and are presumed positive for the disease.

The case involves a student who was in the Health Science Center and Jewett Hall on Dec. 10 and in the Health Science Center on Dec. 11. **SMCC has contacted all people who were in close contact and asked them to quarantine for 14 days.**

The person is currently in quarantine, and the Maine Center for Disease Control has been notified. We are following the same practice as the CDC in not releasing the name(s) of those who have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the interest of confidentiality.

In the meantime, the CDC advises that if you are concerned that you might have been exposed to COVID-19 you should stay home, monitor your health and call your healthcare provider should you develop COVID-19 symptoms. Testing for close contacts who develop symptoms is recommended and is currently free for people without insurance at the state swab-and-send sites.

You can find testing sites near you at <https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/keepmainehealthy/testing> or <https://get-tested-covid19.org/>. At the College, in consultation with the CDC, we have taken steps to thoroughly disinfect necessary areas and continue to enforce our safety protocols, including requirements to wear masks and maintain social distancing on campus.

SMCC is also requiring students and employees who travel anywhere outside of the state to self-quarantine for five to seven days upon returning to Maine before being tested for COVID-19. They will be allowed to return to campus upon receiving a negative test result.

Information and guidance about COVID-19 and ways to keep you, your family, and the community safe are available at:

- U.S. Centers for Disease Control: [Coronavirus Disease2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- Maine Center for Disease Control: [COVID-19](#)
- [Maine 211](#) (24/7 access to information): To speak to an individual for answers to questions about COVID-19, dial 211 (or 1-866-811-5695), text your ZIP code to 898-211, or email [info@211maine.org](mailto:info@211maine.org).

Information about the COVID-19 virus and Southern Maine Community College's response is available on our website at <https://www.smccme.edu/about/coronavirus-covid-19/>. We have also set up an email, [covid19@smccME.edu](mailto:covid19@smccME.edu), for any members of the college community who may have questions.

Members of the college community who have symptoms themselves, who have had direct contact with someone with symptoms of COVID-19, or who have received a positive diagnosis, should not return to campus and normal activities until cleared to do so. Before coming on campus, students and staff should complete a health check using the selfscreening tool on the Southern Maine Community College app.

Please contact Tiffanie Bentley, Dean of Students, at [tbentley@smccME.edu](mailto:tbentley@smccME.edu) if you have any questions or need additional guidance.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep yourself and others safe during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Joseph Cassidy, Esq.  
*President, Southern Maine Community College*