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Office of the President

Dear Campus Community:

We are writing today to share an important and unfortunate update regarding the growing spread of COVID-19.

Today, Cal Poly was notified that an out-of-area student tested positive for COVID-19. The student – who lived off campus and was not a resident of student housing – left San Luis Obispo for their permanent home residence on March 17. After arriving at their permanent home, which is outside of the San Luis Obispo area, they were subsequently tested and notified earlier today of their positive result.

San Luis Obispo County Public Health has been informed and is currently conducting a contact investigation and is working to inform and provide guidance to all close contacts of the individual.

We are hopeful for the student's quick recovery.

Today's news underscores the importance of us all continuing to closely follow state and county shelter-in-home orders. While outside activities with appropriate social distancing – such as walking, hiking and biking – are acceptable, **you are asked to stay home and not travel through the community unless it is absolutely essential. This is critical to help minimize the spread of this virus. Please also remember that many in our community may be more susceptible to contracting and suffering more severe cases of COVID-19. These vulnerable populations rely on all of us to be responsible and do our part to minimize this disease.**

While the Cal Poly campus remains open – including essential functions and services to support students, such as student housing and dining – we ask that students return to their permanent home residences if possible. **We also ask that those who have left the San Luis Obispo area not return at this time.** As a reminder, all classes for the spring quarter of 2020 will be held virtually.

Finally, we ask you to continue to strictly follow shelter-in-home orders, ensure proper social distancing and practice thorough hand-washing with soap and water. These are among the very best ways to protect against viral infections.

We understand that these are very challenging and unsettling times, but we will get through this. Know that we care about each and every member of our campus community and are doing all

that we can to safeguard your health and wellbeing. Please continue to look out for your fellow community members and take care of yourself.

As always, for the latest updates and information regarding coronavirus and our campus preparedness, please visit <https://chw.calpoly.edu/coronavirus>.

Sincerely,

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