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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Users
From: Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor
Subject: COVID-19 Announcement
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To the WCCCD Family,

Regretfully, we have learned today, Saturday, March 28, that one of our WCCCD staff has tested positive for COVID-19. I have reached out to this individual and the family to express my concern and offer our full support. Fortunately, he is resting at home and expected to fully recover.

We have begun the process of notifying those staff members that are known to have been in contact with this individual during the past two weeks. If you are notified and think that you did have close contact with this individual, health officials ask that you stay at home (self-quarantine) and avoid contact with other persons for 14 days since your last contact with the individual. During the 14 days, monitor your health for fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If these conditions persist, contact your health professional.

I realize that this information will increase anxiety about your health and that of your WCCCD colleagues. I share this anxiety. The number of coronavirus cases in the Detroit area is increasing and there is uncertainty about the projector of this novel virus.

As we face together this unprecedented crisis, the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff is our highest priority. WCCCD has in place a number of protocols to mitigate the spread of the virus. The work area of anyone who notified us that they have the virus is blocked off and deep cleaned. As well, for some time, we have been deep cleaning and sanitizing commonly used areas for personal health and safety, as well as for public health. Since March 12, all District buildings have been closed to students and the public.

On April 17, we will re-start the spring semester with an alternative instructional delivery model; no face-to-face or in-class interactions will take place. We will be sending a separate message to students, faculty and staff outlining plans for the completion of the spring semester.

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Please take care of yourself and those around you. We are truly facing this alarming novel virus outbreak together. I look forward with hope to the end of the crisis and the resulting deepening of the sense of community and bonding that we feel as members of the WCCCD family.

Everyone is encouraged to follow Governor Whitmer's Executive Order to stay at home and stop the spread of coronavirus. For more information visit: <http://www.wccd.edu/coronavirus.html>.

Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, Chancellor