

March 26, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

- Today we received our first confirmation that a faculty/staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, I doubt that this will be our last positive test. Please rest assured that every time we receive a report of a positive test, we will work to find out the last time the person was on campus and what buildings/offices/departments the person visited. Where appropriate, we will contact individuals who were in contact with the employee who tested positive.

As it relates to today's instance, the individual reported that they had visited Morrow Field House, Smith Student Center and the Mailing Services on March 19. Human Resources has reached out to people who were likely in contact with this person. The person who tested positive for COVID-19 is currently self-isolating and recovering. After consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the University was told that given the timeframe of when the person was last on campus and when symptoms manifested, there is no risk of exposure to students and employees.

- We have not received word either way about a residential student who is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. The student, who was tested, has had their test compromised at the source, rendering the test invalid. We are waiting advice from the hospital about how to proceed.
- Beginning on March 30, Bailey Library will be able to provide limited inter-library loan service for electronic article requests by faculty, students and staff. The latest information about available ILL services will be available by [clicking here](#).

In efforts to create an intentional approach to engaging our students now through the end of the semester, Student Engagement and Leadership has put together a team of individuals from a variety of divisions with a goal of demonstrating that students can continue to connect to their peers outside the classroom by providing outlets for involvement. The team will be led by Lauren Moran, director of student engagement and leadership. One of the main objectives is to create a centralized planning process and communication strategy for all University events and programs so information is streamlined and not overwhelming to students during this challenging time. We need to do what we can to eliminate conflicting and duplicate events Universitywide and work together to create meaningful engagement opportunities.

Therefore, I am asking that **all events and programs targeted at current students for the remainder of the spring semester** be filtered through this team.

Lauren is meeting with the team this week to develop a process and plan moving forward. More information is forthcoming.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Lauren directly at lauren.moran@sru.edu.

Until next time, remember to continue to practice the habits of social distancing and hygiene shown to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. And, remember to pause and take care of yourselves.

Yours,

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