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Campus Colleagues:

One of our cadets on commercial cruise tested positive for COVID-19 recently. The cadet has self-quarantined and experiencing minor COVID-related symptoms. Campus administration is monitoring the situation and will continue to do so.

While this is an unfortunate situation, it serves as a reminder of our obligation as a campus community to adhere to the protocols put into place to prevent new exposures and stop further spread of the disease. And as we approach Phase III of our summer instructional activity and prepare for the start of Fall 2020 academic semester, we must continue that obligation with vigilance and discipline for the benefit of all.

Below are a few simple steps that are proven deterrents to spreading the disease that we all should follow.

Physical distancing --- In addition to the six feet rule, avoid crowds, parties, or gatherings, as well as avoid public parks, beaches and similar places where lots of people congregate.

Face Covering --- The science supporting mask use is getting better and better. If you are, or think you will be, within 6 feet of anyone outside your home, wear a mask. Masks keep you safe AND they keep those around you safe. You can be infected and have no symptoms and can spread the infection without knowing it. Wearing a mask helps prevent transmission and can save lives.

Handwashing --- Wash and sanitize your hands frequently throughout the day.

It cannot be emphasized enough the importance of having the entire Cal Maritime community --- all of us --- support these important safety efforts, for our own personal health and the health of those around us. The consequences are far too great if we don’t.

Please stay safe!

Thank you.