**From:** COVID-19 Health and Safety Task Force
**To:** All Staff; All Students; All Faculty; All POI
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09/23/20 Weekly COVID email

To: Cal Maritime Community

From: The COVID-19 Health and Safety Task Force (HSTF)

Greetings all,

As of today, we are pleased to report that we have no cadets in isolation (suspected or confirmed COVID positive) and no cadets in quarantine (potentially exposed to a suspected or confirmed COVID positive individual).

In addition, the COVID Care (random COVID sampling) program was very successful, with 108 cadets and employees tested the week of 9/14 and ALL NEGATIVE results. This is great news, BUT please DO NOT let your guard down. Many experts predict that there will be a second wave in November and another wave in March. Our goal at Cal Maritime is to avoid such waves. The scientifically proven way to reduce COVID spread is SOCIAL DISTANCING, PROPER MASK USE, and REGULAR hand washing.

Daily Health Screening is still REQUIRED for cadets and employees. The cadet completion numbers do not reflect adherence to this requirement. This is a reminder that faculty and instructors should require cadets to show the green email with the current date to demonstrate it has been completed before face-to-face activities. We ALL have an IMPORTANT ROLE.

Testing is only used as an indicator of the health of our population. As previously described, sampling is only a snapshot in time. It does not reduce your risk of contracting or spreading the virus and is

not recommended to be conducted regularly. Following the randomized sampling approach outlined by the experts is vital to maintain the integrity of the data. Individual requests for testing ONLY benefit the individual as the data cannot be used in the overall sample set. The nature of random sampling will result in some people getting selected multiple times, and others never being chosen, and the majority tested once. Please DO NOT make special requests if you would like additional testing. It is recommended you contact your health provider or sign up for testing through the County.

We continue to add information to the COVID web site and encourage Cadets to share this information with family and provide feedback on any additional information that would be helpful to keep everyone informed.

Please email questions, comments, or suggestions to covid19hs@csum.edu