Dear Campus Community:

We learned over the weekend that a cadet who lives on campus tested positive for COVID-19. This information came to us as a result of the COVID Care surveillance testing we have been conducting on a bi-weekly basis since early in the semester. We also learned that a cadet living off campus has also recently tested positive. In addition, Monday’s round of exit testing yielded another positive result; this one is an employee.

We want to assure you that these cases are being addressed according to CDC and Solano County Public Health guidelines in order to mitigate any potential threat of spread of infection on our campus. We have initiated our contact tracing protocols, in accordance with CDC guidance, to determine those individuals who may have been in close contact with the on-campus cadet, and our Health Services and Commandants offices have been reaching out to those people directly. Those in close contact are being asked to quarantine for 14 days.

In addition, the space in which the on-campus individual who tested positive resided has been cleaned per CDC guidelines.

The health and safety of our campus community is our highest priority. With COVID-19 cases on the rise nationally and locally, we must remain vigilant in adhering to our health and safety protocols and our practice of protective measures, including:

- wearing appropriate PPE;
- maintaining social distance;
- periodic handwashing with soap and water;
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands; and
- staying home if you feel respiratory symptoms such as a cough or a fever.

Kindly remember to maintain vigilance when traveling off-campus during the upcoming holidays. As we learn more about the incubation period of the virus, it’s increasingly clear that many who are free of symptoms are unknowingly carrying it. While we’re encouraged by news of vaccines now on the horizon, the measures we all take now can help us get through this challenging phase until the vaccines are widely available.

As a reminder, if any cadet, faculty, or staff exhibit COVID-related symptoms, please contact Cal Maritime’s Health Services or your primary care medical provider for guidance.

Together we can rise to the challenge and work to keep our campus community as safe and healthy as possible.

The Health and Safety Task Force