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Good afternoon.

As you certainly know, confirmed cases of COVID-19 have entered our communities. As an example, here is a link to information from Butler County <https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2020/03/24/butler-health-system-12-coronavirus-inpatients/>.

It was March 11, 2020, at 2 PM that President Neupauer closed Butler County Community College's main campus and additional locations.

Our College took immediate action and was – to our knowledge – the first local institution of higher education to remove students and non-essential employees from the physical grounds of main campus and additional locations as a precautionary measure.

In the last 15 days, few students have been to BC3's main campus or additional locations. The transition to remote learning -- thanks in part to our dedicated faculty and staff -- has gone remarkably well. At this time, the number of essential employees on campus is very small.

The College recently shared that a main campus student made us aware the student was diagnosed with COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution, several other BC3 students have reported to us they have flu-like and/or COVID-19 like symptoms.

Most students have now been off campus for at least 15 days, the standard incubation of COVID-19, making it more likely that the onset of symptoms now is a result of community spread unrelated to BC3. Given the presence of COVID-19 in our communities, it no longer makes sense to share information about students or staff who report "flu-like" or "COVID-19-like" symptoms.

The College will, however, continue to update students, faculty and staff if it has confirmation from local health agencies that a student, a faculty member or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. Any students who are sick should contact their health care professional. If you are concerned about it affecting your ability to be successful, please contact your faculty members and/or your Student Success Coach or advisor.

Please take good care,

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