

COVID-19 Campus Alert

Attention OJC Community,

On February 18, 2021, we were notified by Mako Medical Laboratories that multiple students tested positive for COVID-19 during their weekly test on campus.

In response, we have made the decision, in consultation with the Otero County Health Department, to take the following action:

- Students who tested positive have been placed in isolation.
- Students who were exposed will be placed in quarantine, and will be re-tested next week. If any students in quarantine test positive next week, their isolation will be determined according to the onset of symptoms.
- Contract tracing is underway to determine if anyone else on campus has been exposed.
- The Learning Commons and TRiO will be closed tomorrow for deep cleaning and staff in those areas will work remotely.

The goal is to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our area and reduce the number of people infected. This is a critical moment in the growing outbreak of COVID-19 and taking such measures can potentially impact the spread of the disease.

For more information go to www.ojc.edu. Students and employees should expect follow up communications from the College as this matter develops.

Additionally, students and employees are reminded of the following recommendations to prevent the spread of illness:

- Consult the Centers for Disease Control website (cdc.gov) for up to date information on COVID-19/Coronavirus.
- Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and distance yourself from other people in general.
- If you are experiencing any symptoms, including fever, cough or shortness of breath, stay home. Students should contact the Dean of Students for instructions at (719) 384-6859. Faculty and staff should contact their immediate supervisor.

Thank you,

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