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To: GSU Students, Faculty, and Staff

From President Elaine P. Maimon, Ph.D.

Subject: Information on COVID-19

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I am writing to deliver the unfortunate news that we have received notification of the first confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at Governors State University. The individual is a student who self-disclosed the condition and provided medical verification to the Emergency Response Team (ERT) on April 10.

The student has not been on campus since March 20, 2020, and is now in self-quarantine at home. Our hearts go out to this individual, the family, and all others suffering from this condition. We are hopeful for a speedy and complete recovery.

Federal privacy laws protect the student's identity and do not allow us to share more detail. However, in compliance with the state's protocol for confirmed COVID-19 cases, authorities are identifying those who came in close contact with the student and making the appropriate notifications.

Additionally, the Clery Act federal reporting regulations require us to issue a campus alert to notify the community of the confirmed case.

As we've seen in daily press reports, COVID-19 is a rapidly spreading virus, and, sadly, we can reasonably expect additional cases on campus and across the state. Please continue to do your part to flatten the curve of the coronavirus by staying at home, per Governor JB Pritzker's executive order.

For more detail about the executive order or COVID-19 and Governors State's response, please visit our dedicated website at <https://www.govst.edu/COVID-19/>.

Please remember that together we will prevail over the unique challenges before us.