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Dear Campus Community,

We know this is a difficult time for our students, faculty, and staff, given the uncertainty of the situation. The safety and health of our community members is always of utmost concern for us. In consultation with Health Services and the Kent County Health Department, we have additional information to update you on what we know now.

- At this time the student is still feeling better and the results of the test are still not available.
- The student and their suitemate were on the third floor of Corsica and used the kitchen on that floor. They did not go on the first or second floors or use the kitchens or bathrooms on those floors. The student was only in Corsica after their potential exposure from Wednesday night through Friday morning around 11 a.m. when they went to the hospital. The student's suite door was closed until the student left on Friday and has remained closed since that time.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Students who were in close contact with the student are in self-quarantine. [See more information about the CDC's risk assessment guidance](#)
- A professional cleaning company this morning completed a thorough cleaning of Corsica, including all access points into the building and up to the third floor including doors, stairwells, hallway touchpoints, and the elevator. This cleaning, following CDC guidelines, includes all of the door handles and other "high touch" surfaces. This includes all areas that the student may have come into contact with on the third floor and in the kitchen.
- We are requesting that all students use the common preventive practices of regular hand-washing, not touching your face, and maintaining social distance, as we have no indication that there is any greater risk associated with staying in Corsica than in any other building on campus.

- If you start to experience symptoms including cough, fever, and shortness of breath, please let Health Services know immediately (**call 410-778-7261 M-F, 8:30-4:00**). Outside of those hours, please contact Public Safety (410-778-7810).
- **Students:** If your plans have changed and you are going to be leaving campus and staying in a location off campus, you must email residential\_life@washcoll.edu so we can continue to keep an accurate record of who is in our residence halls.

We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation, and we will continue to keep you informed of any developments.

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