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Fwd: Important COVID-19 campus update

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Dear CMC Community:

In prior communications we indicated we would send notifications of positive cases outside of our weekly campus updates, when appropriate. Yesterday's routine update reflected that we recorded five positive COVID cases last week. None appeared linked, and we attribute the spike in positive cases to holiday travel.

Since yesterday's update, we have confirmed six new positive COVID cases on campus, all in students. Five of the six cases are epidemiologically linked to one of the cases reported last week (with further investigation as to a link with the sixth case). The outbreak involved vaccinated individuals in close contact, indoors, for more than 15 minutes, without masks, eating and drinking together at a private gathering before attending a larger event.

Contact tracing began immediately and is ongoing, and close contacts either have been tested already or will be tested as soon as they are identified and contacted. Cleaning and disinfecting are ongoing.

This latest outbreak teaches us some important lessons:

- First, please be aware and cautious of your indoor socializing behavior. Being in close contact with others, indoors, without masks, sharing food and drink, carries greater risk of transmission.
- Second, if you feel even mild symptoms, please *do not* continue to engage with others in close contact situations until you have taken a test. Thankfully, our two larger outbreaks this semester have been contained and

manageable, but both occurred due to a failure to recognize and report symptoms immediately and continuing to socialize with others. Attending events while symptomatic and without obtaining a test is *not* consistent with the College's expectations and disregards our community's collective health.

- Third, vaccine boosters are *critical* to helping keep our community safe. Most of us are already eligible to receive a booster shot. If you need help finding a location to receive a booster, please reach out to us: covid19@cmc.edu or (909) 607-2301.
- Fourth, *immediate* reporting of even the smallest symptom is critical to help prevent spread on our campus. Please do not assume that a symptom is a sign of a cold or allergies. While that might be true, it might not. HHB has the capability to run a very quick, easy and reliable test to detect the coronavirus in symptomatic individuals. If everyone uses the free, easy testing on our campus to rule out COVID upon feeling even the slightest of symptoms, our entire community will be healthier.
- Fifth, *diagnostic testing is available on the weekends*. Please contact HHB for an appointment. For students, reach out to DOS for assistance.

Thank you for your efforts in helping to keep our community safe. We will monitor the conditions on campus, as an increased positivity rate may impact events on campus prior to winter break. As we enter the holiday season and winter break, we would like everyone to remain as healthy as possible.

CMC will always provide its students and employees with a free, timely diagnostic test if you have been exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms. Please contact our onsite COVID services clinic at covid19@cmc.edu or (909) 607-2301 with any questions or concerns.

Stay safe –
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