

Dear Campus Community:

Mesa County Health (MCPH) has received a [presumptive positive case](#) of COVID-19 from the state health laboratory. To be an official case the test must first be confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The individual is a man in his 30s who is isolated at home at this time and we're told he is recovering well. As of 10:00am this morning CMU has:

- Held direct communications with Mesa County Public Health;
- Conducted a meeting of the university COVID-19 Response Team;
- Consulted with our on-campus student wellness provider, Community Hospital;
- Sent members of the CMU COVID-19 Response Team to the Mesa County joint information center to collaborate directly with local communication health officials.

President Foster this morning directed the CMU Management Team to begin exploring and consulting with their teams about remote work options across various departments of the university to continue promoting social distancing goals. On Monday communication will be distributed with additional remote work guidance for employees and supervisors.

If faculty, staff, or students on campus [experiences symptoms](#), they should **call the Community Health Partnership COVID-19 line at 970.644.4001**. Do not go to the emergency room or clinic before a call and preliminary phone screening. Self-quarantine while waiting for your preliminary health screening and or physical appointment.

A presumptive positive case in Mesa County doesn't change the social distancing strategies employed by the university or ongoing personal hygiene recommendations provided by Mesa County Public Health. The university is monitoring changing conditions daily to continue making choices aimed at mitigating risk to the campus community.

Thank you for your ongoing attention to these updates.

Best,

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