Dear Friends,

Given the recent developments in the COVID-19 situation at State Fair Community College, I want to reach out to you and let you know we are closely monitoring the situation, and as always, your safety is paramount. Keeping up with this pandemic can be taxing and difficult, but rest assured, the members of the SFCC COVID-19 Planning Committee and I are steadfast in our commitment to your well-being.

Tracking the development of this pandemic is challenging as new things transpire hourly. As you may know by now, the college received information about the first positive COVID-19 test of a member of the SFCC community. The individual is a Health Sciences student who lives off-campus. The college has been in contact with the Pettis County Health Department and directly with the student.

While this is the first case confirmed in the SFCC community, we are aware of additional cases being reported around the state and remind everyone that we all have a role in slowing the spread of COVID-19. As we return to work tomorrow, it is more important than ever to remember to take every single precaution possible, especially those individuals who will be on campus.

Please remember to:

- Maintain social distancing and stay at least six feet apart at all times.
- Use conference- or video-calls to meet.
- Stay home when feeling ill or caring for those who are ill.
- Self-isolate if you traveled over break.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cover all coughs and sneezes with your elbow or clothing.
- Clean surfaces regularly.
- Communicate electronically.

While this is a change in how we are used to operating, I am confident that we can all adapt our services and operations to meet the needs of the students we serve. There is no “one-size-fits-all” solution, but your supervisors will be in touch with you to discuss the details of your work.

In closing, I want to reiterate that my “open door” policy will remain in effect during this pandemic. Although I may be on campus less, I am still here for you and happy to discuss your feedback. Please know that you can always reach me via email and telephone.

I can’t thank you enough for your patience and understanding, and truly believe that together we will overcome these trying times.

Please stay safe,

Dr. Joanna Anderson, President
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