



Office of Campus Communications

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Two Cypress College students who have participated in on-campus academic work recently have reported positive COVID-19 tests. The students are enrolled in two different courses in two different instructional buildings on campus and there is no known nexus between the two cases. Both students participated in classes that intermittently meet in person to facilitate program requirements.

These reported test results increase the total number of student COVID-19 cases to six since the start of the pandemic.

The first student reported a positive COVID-19 test to the course instructor on Saturday, November 7, and had been on campus as recently as Tuesday, November 3. The second student also had most recently been on campus on Tuesday, November 3, with the date of the positive test result on Monday, November 9.

Students and employees in classes attended by these two students have been notified of the potential exposure and have been advised to follow CDC-recommended protocols.

Tracing information provided by the students states that appropriate protective equipment, including a face mask, was worn at all times when the students were on campus. In addition, the students did not have either direct or prolonged contact with anyone else on campus. Both students indicated that there were no needs of support from the college. They are self isolating in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control.

According to the CDC “A potential exposure means having close contact within 6 feet of an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more without Personal

Protective Equipment (PPE). The timeframe for having contact with an individual includes the period of time of 48 hours before the individual became symptomatic.”

Because the CDC guidelines for potential transmission exposure to others was not met in this instance, the threat to students is low. However, Cypress College has notified all students in the courses, along with four faculty members, so that they are informed about the positive COVID-19 result. To be cautious, Cypress College has encouraged each student enrolled in the class to self-quarantine at home and to practice physical distancing. In addition, Cypress College has made available its Health Center professionals to answer questions or to provide additional guidance and support to these students.

The majority of fall 2020 courses are taught remotely. However, a limited number of face-to-face classes currently include on-campus sessions to facilitate completion of instructional requirements of the course and/or accreditation requirements of the program.

In advance of the semester, Cypress College launched its [“We Above Me” Health and Safety Protocol campaign](#) which connected the college’s motto with the need for safety precautions both on and off campus.

All participants in on-campus coursework and study sessions must complete a health and wellness screening in the college’s mobile app prior to participating. Students are not permitted to participate in on-campus activities if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if they believe they may have been exposed to someone with the virus. In addition, masks and social distancing are required at all times while on the Cypress College campus.

- [Cypress College COVID-19 Website](#)
- [COVID-19 Symptoms](#)
- [How to Protect Yourself and Others](#)
- [What to do if you think that you may have COVID-19](#)