

CHEVERUS

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Dear Cheverus Community,

I'm writing as promised to update you on our progress with contact tracing following yesterday's announcement of a positive case of COVID-19 at Cheverus, as well as to inform you of our plans moving forward.

Today on campus our team of contact tracers spent much of the day calling students and families, gathering information, and determining our close-contact list. At this time if you have not been already contacted by the school you are NOT a close contact with the positive COVID19 case we identified yesterday. Many thanks to everyone in our community for your patience with this stage in our process.

Our team of contact tracers has been preparing since the summer for this scenario and trained through Johns Hopkins contact tracing course. Though even one positive case and any close contacts is difficult news to hear, I'm encouraged through this stage of the process that our COVID safety procedures and protocols worked in limiting further contact.

As we have with our safety procedures and protocols throughout this school year, today we have employed the most comprehensive interpretation of who could be considered a close contact, and as we suggested in our initial communication yesterday the person who tested positive had limited contact with other members of our community prior to the onset of symptoms.

We have also prioritized confidentiality throughout this process; beyond the information we're delivering to you today we will not be able to answer questions about our contact tracing process, the identity of the individuals involved in it nor the specifics regarding contact. We thank you for your understanding in this regard.

Though our Facilities team cleans and disinfects our entire campus every afternoon, today they undertook a deep cleaning of all rooms and hallways, and we will let the campus rest over the weekend.

Now that our contact tracing process is complete and we have assured that our campus is clean and safe, classes will resume on Monday morning for our final week before our Christmas break. All athletic practices have been cancelled over the weekend but will resume on Monday afternoon.

Nothing is more important to us than the safety of our students, faculty and staff, and we are grateful for the trust you have placed in us. If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact me directly at moran@cheverus.org.

Peace,
John Moran