

Today, March 14, 2020, Linfield College was notified that a group of students was potentially exposed to COVID-19 while out of state attending a conference on the weekend of March 6-7. It is not known if any of our students had close contact with the positive case at the conference, but conference organizers notified all attendees once the positive case was known. **Currently, none of the Linfield students are showing any signs of illness and therefore are unlikely to be a risk to others.**

The Linfield students are not considered to be Persons Under Monitoring, meaning they have not been identified by a public health authority as a person who had prolonged close contact with the individual. Using an abundance of caution, Linfield College notified our partners at Yamhill County Public Health. Yamhill County Public Health advised our students to begin self-quarantine for the next seven days, which ends the fourteenth day after the potential exposure. The Public Health Department has advised us that the risk to anyone beyond the students attending the conference is extremely low. The Public Health Department has recommended we and the involved students notify roommates and others with whom they have had intimate contact. The recommendations were to self-monitor for fever, cough or shortness of breath.

We want to emphasize that no Linfield student has received a recommendation to be tested or is under monitoring by a Public Health Authority at this time.

Given the nature of this virus, Linfield officials have planned for the possibility our campus would eventually be affected. We have developed protocols and trained staff to provide for this possibility. We are closely connected with our local and state health authorities. We will keep you updated on this situation as things develop.