Instructors,

You are receiving this notice because a student in the section referenced in this email has reported testing positive for COVID-19. Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, it has been deemed that only you may receive this information. The purpose of notifying you of this positive case is so you can encourage and remind students to test and self-monitor.

Please note: **Under no circumstances can you attempt to ascertain the identity and/or share the name of the student.** You must also be cautious about any communication regarding the positive test. Sharing that information with the class may result in identification of the absent student. However, it is acceptable to strongly encourage students to follow the recommended COVID-19 guidance of wearing face coverings, testing, and getting vaccinated.

Students who test positive should contact you directly to receive an excused absence and learn about opportunities to continue and/or makeup class work. In the event a student is present in your class who has notified you of recently testing positive for Covid-19, you are allowed to consult privately with the student to ascertain when their positive test was and if they have met the requirements to return to class which are:

1. Complete at least 10 days of self-isolation from onset of symptoms or a positive test; and
2. Have at least 24 hours with no fever, without using fever reducing medication.

If a student has not met the requirements for returning to class, you may ask them to leave. In addition, if a significant number of students in any single section have tested positive, please communicate that to administration through the following email: Covid19-Process@tamu.edu

Stay up to date on COVID-19 information at Texas A&M by regularly checking this guidance page. Testing continues at campus locations listed on this site.

Sincerely,

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