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COVID Case Update: Campus Reopening

As you were made aware earlier this week, we had one PCR diagnostic test positive student on campus. JCU has now confirmed two additional COVID-positive students. JCU has engaged with contact tracing with the ASL – 1 (Local Italian Public Health Authority for the neighborhood of John Cabot) to review these cases, including any and all possible risk to the greater JCU community. The ASL has made the following conclusions:

- Only those individuals who have been identified as having close contact with the three COVID positive students will be informed about their exposure. As of now, all close contact individuals have been contacted, are isolating, and are under the supervision of their local doctor, following instructions on testing and isolation from the ASL.
- The ASL determined that the high level of safety and security enforced on all JCU campuses (mandatory mask wearing, social distancing, temperature taking, and sanitation) means that **JCU is authorized to recommence normal operating hours, services, and procedures starting tomorrow Saturday October 10**, this includes Guarini campus over the weekend. All students, staff, and faculty who are not under instruction from the ASL to isolate may come to campus and attend classes as normal.
- All persons at JCU must continue to commit to following stipulated policies and protocols regarding ubiquitous mask wearing, hand washing/use of sanitizer, social distancing, and temperature taking.

Given the current rise in positive COVID-19 cases in Lazio, and throughout Italy, now more than ever it is extremely important to always follow all guidelines, both inside and outside of JCU, as this will not only protect you but also safeguard the people around you and minimize any disruptions to the JCU community.

Please be aware that the Italian Minister of Health defines close contact and exposure to a COVID-positive person as:

- living in the same household as a COVID-19 positive case;
- having had direct physical contact with a COVID-19 positive case (e.g. shaking hands);
- having unprotected direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 positive case (e.g. touching used paper tissues with a bare hand);
- having had face-to-face contact with a COVID-19 case within 2 meters and for more than 15 minutes;
- being in a closed environment (e.g. classroom, meeting room, hospital waiting room, etc.) with a COVID-19 case without suitable PPE, like a facemask.

(<http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioFaqNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&id=230#1>)

JCU has set up campus spaces and protocols so that such close contact would not be possible, provided that everyone follows the rules. The ASL may still take additional measures to address a community health concern, however, we reduce our shared risk considerably when, together, we adhere to guidelines. **For those living in JCU housing, please contact the JCU Emergency Phone immediately if you or your roommate(s) become symptomatic.**

Additional questions and concerns can be directed to deanofstudents@johncabot.edu.

Kind Regards,

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