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Hello Bearcat Family,

I wanted to update you regarding COVID-19 and the Rust Campus. I appreciate everyone following our protocols and procedures that have been designed to keep us all safe. On Monday, a student went to the nurse and due to the nature of their symptoms, was referred to Alliance Healthcare for a COVID-19 test. After taking the test, the student was isolated in a room alone with all their meals delivered. Because the student was a member of a sports team, the other team members were quarantined and requested to stay in their rooms until the test results came back. Meals were delivered and instructors were contacted to let them know the students would not appear in class in person. Although the student who was tested for COVID felt better by Wednesday, we still required him to isolate until the test results were delivered. This morning we learned that the COVID-19 test result was NEGATIVE. All of the affected students are now released to resume their normal activities.

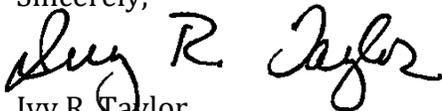
I would like to thank the students for their patience and express appreciation to all the staff and faculty who worked together to accommodate the students' needs. We all have to continue working together to keep each other safe and in this instance we followed the protocols that we outlined in our COVID-19 operations manual.

As the holiday weekend approaches, I want to remind everyone to be vigilant. Your family members and friends who attend barbecues and celebrations may not be practicing the same safety measures as we are. On this morning's news report, family gatherings were noted as being responsible for spread of the virus in many locales. We encourage our students to stay on campus this weekend, but if you leave, do not attend any large gatherings and continue using masks and social distancing.

This message is being sent via the mass email system and I am requesting that faculty members will share it with students via Blackboard as well.

Thanks again everyone for your cooperation and let us continue to take good care of each other.

Sincerely,



Ivy R. Taylor
President



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