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*Sent of behalf of HHP's Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs:*

Dear HHP Students,

Some of you may be aware that over the weekend, one of our own - an HHP undergraduate student – was reported as testing positive for COVID-19. Like you, the entire HHP family is concerned for the student, and we wish them a full and speedy recovery.

You most likely have many questions and may be interested in further details about the case. Per the information provided at the site (<http://www.ufl.edu/health-updates/covid-19-cases/>):

“Student, employee and patient confidentiality laws prohibit us from disclosing the identities of individuals. It’s important to note that any individual who has tested positive will be isolated, and anyone believed to be at risk for exposure will be contacted and asked to self-quarantine. In cases where a student or employee fails to disclose to the university that they tested positive, the university may have no way of knowing and communicating that information. Therefore, this information includes only positive cases that the university has been made aware of. In addition, we understand there are UF employees and students who have symptoms but have not yet been tested.”

Signs suggest we may see a positively accelerating curve in COVID-19 diagnoses at UF and elsewhere. Students remain in the work environment at UF - in labs, participating in research, or working in other capacities. Given the mounting and more proximal cases, Dean Reid has offered the following directive to the college:

“I ask that all HHP supervisors provide alternate work arrangements for employees and students on Monday, March 23. No one in HHP should work on campus tomorrow. Anyone who arrives in the building should adhere to good public health practices – social distancing, hand washing, etc. – and leave campus at the earliest opportunity. We will work with

University authorities to clarify any potential risk and establish future options – if any -- for working on campus. That information will follow in a separate e-mail tomorrow.”

Please continue to follow UF information and FAQs (<http://www.ufl.edu/health-updates/>) for authoritative information pertaining to COVID-19.

Your HHP family wishes you the very best as we continue to cope with this significant challenge,

Chris

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