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Greetings Staff and Students,

Today we have been informed of a presumptive case of COVID-19 reported in the Pine Bluff area. Students from Southeast Arkansas Community College (SEARK) Respiratory Care Program came into contact with the "infected" individual while working a clinical rotation at the local hospital. As a result, SEARK has closed and is working through the situation. This is an example to all of us for the need to be prepared and to be cautious as we confront this health threat.

We are closely monitoring the situation and will continue to keep the campus community informed of any known developments in our area. We have developed a plan for the continuation of the spring semester to be conducted remotely from campus if required. We are hopeful that this will not be necessary but want everyone to be aware of that possibility.

I continue to ask everyone to exercise personal responsibility for observing appropriate recommendations for hand washing and limiting others to exposure should you have any flu-like symptoms. Allowances for absenteeism will be made for any student or staff exhibiting those symptoms during this critical time.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this time. The ability to address this concern with caution and calmness will allow us all to navigate this situation.

Thanks,

Robin Myers

Chancellor