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Important Message from Pearson College UWC

Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

I wanted to advise you that we have just learned that three of our employees, who live off campus, have reported in sick and are currently awaiting the results of COVID-19 tests.

Our Director of Health Services has been in contact with local Public Health authorities and, out of an abundance of caution, has asked the employees to remain at home in self-isolation.

While no employee has so far tested positive for COVID-19, we can also advise you that a number of students have reported to the Campus Health Centre with flu-like symptoms. As per our standard COVID-19 health and safety protocols on campus, these students are being isolated from others and will be supported with meals and assistance until they are well enough to rejoin their colleagues in their dorm room, classrooms and other spaces on campus.

In addition to our existing health and safety protocols and measures, we are immediately bringing back additional COVID-19 protocols to help protect the community from an outbreak. These include:

- Mask-wearing will be mandatory at all times in all indoor spaces except for individual dorm rooms, the Dining Hall (when eating) and private residences of adults and families. Public spaces include student residence House dayrooms, the Student Common Room, larger lecture theatres, the library and all office areas.
- **Students are restricted to their own House dayrooms only – no visiting other dayrooms.**
- **Employees not essential to daily campus operations are asked to work from home until further notice.**
- **Except for classes and educational gatherings** (teaching, seminars etc.), large in-person meetings and gatherings such as village gatherings and staff/faculty meetings are to be carried out virtually until further notice.
- Capacity restrictions will be in place for indoor gym and swimming pool areas immediately. Masks must be worn in these areas and equipment must be sanitized thoroughly before and after use.
- Outdoor activities will continue as scheduled.
- **Students who feel unwell should immediately report to the Campus Health Centre for guidance.**
- **Student visits to adult and family residences will be minimized and only take place at the discretion of adult residents.**
- Dining Hall and Facilities staff will exercise extra vigilance in cleaning and sanitization for eating, working and living spaces on campus. Deep cleaning of these and other public spaces will be scheduled over the weekend.

- Everyone on campus needs to continue to exercise individual vigilance through their personal hygiene and sanitizing of personal workspaces.
- **Non-essential trips off campus (banking, shopping, restaurants/cafés, post office) will be restricted until further notice.**
- As before, the campus remains closed to non-essential guests and visitors.

These measures are consistent with our COVID and communicable disease planning and public health guidance. They are intended to minimize the conditions for any spread should a positive COVID case be confirmed. While we hope these additional protocols will be short-term measures, we wanted to let you know that quick action is important for the health of everyone on campus, including your students.

Thank you for your understanding and please encourage your student to continue to respect all necessary health protocols on campus.

Sent on behalf of Craig Davis, the COVID-19 Working Group and Morgan Yates, Director of Health Services