

**Morehead City, N.C. (September 3, 2020)** – Carteret Community College confirms that an individual of the College community has tested positive for COVID-19. This is the first confirmed case of COVID-19 on campus. The College continues to take every step possible to ensure the health and safety of its faculty, students and staff.

The individual who has tested positive was last on campus on the evening of Thursday, August 27. The individual did not experience symptoms until Saturday, August 29 and the College was notified of the positive result on Wednesday, September 2. The individual is at home, recovering from the virus and will remain in isolation until the requirements set by the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) have been met. In addition, the College is working with the Carteret County Health Department, and anyone who was in contact with this person will be notified by College officials.

The College urges its students, faculty, and staff to contact their physicians immediately if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#). If a person does not have a primary healthcare provider, are uninsured, or their healthcare provider is not administering COVID-19 tests, they should contact the Carteret County Health Department at 252-728-8550 for information on how to get tested.

“At this time, the College remains open to students and employees,” said Dr. Tracy Mancini, president of Carteret Community College. “We continue to take many precautions for the safety and well-being of our campus community and are pleased with the mask and social distancing compliance we have observed. We strongly encourage everyone to remain diligent in their efforts to stop the spread and to visit our website for COVID-19 updates at [www.carteret.edu/COVID19](http://www.carteret.edu/COVID19).”

The College will be following all [CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting](#) and encourages everyone to continue following the [CDC's recommendations](#) to remain healthy and well.

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