Drake State family,

We have received notice that a staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is currently quarantined and receiving medical treatment in accordance with public health protocols. Out of an abundance of caution and in our efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus we notified all who came in contact with this staff person while on campus so they may take appropriate measures.

Health and safety remain our number one priority. Drake State is following recommendations from state and national health authorities and is taking steps to make our campus as safe as possible.

This includes:

+ Screening each student upon arrival
+ Following a recommended cleaning and sanitization
+ Allowing for proper social distancing.

To learn more about our safety precautions, review the safety guidelines on the next page.

While we hope no other cases occur within our College community, we are prepared to follow the positive test protocol established by the Alabama Community College System which includes quarantine, notification and reporting instructions.

Drake State is committed to keeping students, employees and their families informed and will continue to provide updates as appropriate.

In health,

Dr. Patricia Sims
President
To make our campus as safe as possible we have established a safety plan based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH).

This includes:

- Limit of no more than five students per classroom/lab.
- All students, faculty, staff and visitors must wear masks while on campus.
- Sanitizing all buildings’ main entrances, restrooms and frequently touched surfaces/objects daily, and in some cases twice daily.
- Posting signage to direct foot traffic to appropriate entrances/exits, and to indicate appropriate 6’ social distance in waiting areas.
- Staying informed of the most recent state and federal guidelines for cleaning and sanitizing.