To UW-River Falls Students,

We’ve mentioned in previous communications that we would like to keep you aware of news or developments specific to coronavirus (COVID-19.) In the last 24 hours, UW-River Falls learned that a confirmed case of COVID-19 has been identified in Pierce County.

According to Pierce County Public Health Department officials:
- The person was exposed while traveling within the U.S. and is currently isolated at home.
- Osceola School District officials shared that the individual with the confirmed case was present at the recent Destination Imagination (DI) competition this past weekend at Osceola High School.
- River Falls School District has shared that no district students participated in the competition.
- Classes at Osceola High School were cancelled today to allow time for cleaning.

Pierce County Public Health officials say students or staff who participated in the DI event are generally considered to be at low-risk for being exposed to the COVID-19 virus. The recommendations for low-risk individuals are to self-monitor for fever and respiratory illness symptoms, and to self-isolate and contact their local health department or provider if symptoms appear. There is no recommendation for asymptomatic people who had a low risk exposure to quarantine themselves.

 Anyone considered to be more than low-risk would be contacted individually by their health department for further assessment. Contact your provider or the Pierce County Public Health Department at 715-273-6755 if you have questions or concerns.

We understand that a situation like this can be unsettling. Know that the university takes your concerns seriously. We are monitoring the evolving state of the coronavirus and are planning regular communication with you over the next several days. We appreciate all you are doing to help keep yourself and our campus community healthy.

Please continue to watch your UWRF email for future updates.