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Dear BOCES Community,

Our BOCES has been alerted that a staff member in our Practical Nursing Program has tested positive for COVID-19. The last exposure was Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

New York State Department of Health guidance advises that the local health department investigates and contacts anyone who may have been exposed. We are currently working with the Delaware County Department of Health staff to trace any close contacts to the employee.

As of today, we will move to remote learning for this adult program. The program will resume in-person instruction on April 30th. This shift to remote learning allows time for contact tracing and additional cleaning. If you are a PN Student or staff member that needs access to the building for any reason, please contact your immediate supervisor.

News like this can be received with mixed emotions. As always, the safety and health of our students and staff are our top priority. We continue to work to support our students, families, and employees during this difficult time and appreciate your cooperation.

If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 virus, please visit or call the health department in your county of residence. For example, if you live in:

Otsego County: https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/d-m/health_department/covid19.php

Delaware County: <http://delawarecountypublichealth.com/>

Schoharie County: <https://www4.schohariecounty-ny.gov/departments/public-health/>

Greene County: <https://www.greenegovernment.com/departments/public-health/>

If you or a family member is exhibiting symptoms of the COVID-19 virus (fever, cough, and shortness of breath), please do not go to the emergency room or your healthcare provider without first calling for further guidance.

Please remember that mask wearing, social distancing, and good hygiene are our best defenses against the virus.

We know this time may be stressful for employees, students, and families. If you feel the need to talk to someone, New York State has established a new Mental Health hotline at 1-844-863-9314. Employees have access to resources provided by BOCES from the Employee Assistance Program. The confidential hotline is 1-800-252-4555.

Thank you for your patience and partnership as we work through this challenging time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Catherine Huber'.

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