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COVID-19 update

Please find below a copy of the message University of Tasmania Director of Safety and Wellbeing Chris Arnold has just sent to staff and students:

Dear colleagues and students,

I write to update you on information we have received from Public Health that we have had someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a student residence on our Newnham campus.

The Public Health Office is managing the situation and has advised:

"A fourth case of coronavirus has been confirmed in Tasmania.

"A woman in her 40s is currently in isolation in accommodation provided by UTAS in Launceston.

"The advice from Public Health is that the student is in isolation and well supported, and there is no risk to others on campus. Normal campus operations can continue.

"Public Health are managing this carefully to ensure public safety.

"Further information will be provided later today, once Public Health officials have been able to complete the necessary investigations and assessments in order to inform the public accurately."

The University has a clear plan that when there is local transmission in Tasmania we will move to online delivery of teaching to the greatest extent possible, a model to rotate people to work from home where possible and careful management of those circumstances where people need to work on campus.

This current case is not a case of local transmission.

If you have concerns or questions, please phone our help desk on 03 6226 2600.

Kind regards,

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