MEMORANDUM

To: Campus Community

From: Ruth J. Simmons
        President

Re: Positive COVID-19 Case Confirmed

Date: March 27, 2020

Dear PVAMU Campus Community,

We recently alerted our campus community that a staff member had tested positive for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This is the first confirmed case of COVID-19 at PVAMU. As the number of confirmed cases continues to increase across the nation, we anticipated that this day might come.

The individual in question is an employee of the University Police Department and notified the university right away of the positive test result. The employee is currently self-isolated and is following protocols set by state health officials and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Based on the information that we have gathered, this employee did not have contact with other individuals on campus. Therefore, students, faculty and staff are not at an increased risk. Still, we encourage everyone to take the proper precautionary measures to contain the spread of the virus on campus. As a reminder, these measures include:

-Maintaining social distancing (staying 6 feet apart from one another);

-Eliminating large gatherings;

-Washing hands frequently;

-Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth;

-Staying home when feeling sick;

-Covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in the trash; and

-Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

I want to assure our campus community that we are committed to taking necessary actions in the interest of the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff. A COVID-19 Task Force, co-chaired by the Provost and the Vice President for Student Affairs, meets daily to ensure the safety of the campus community.

Your health and safety remain our top priority, and we will continue to inform you immediately when a positive case is confirmed within our community.