Contact Tracing at Concordia College New York

Information provided by the Concordia Student Health Center, the CDC, the Westchester County Department of Health (DOH) and the New York State Department of Health

Contact tracing has been used for decades by state and local health departments to slow or stop the spread of infectious diseases. If and when a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs on our campus, trained Concordia College employees will obtain the names and contact information for persons with whom the infected person has had close contact. According to the Westchester County DOH and the CDC, close contact means that a person:

- was within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 (masked or unmasked) for a total of 10 minutes (NY State’s guideline) or more
- provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- had direct physical contact with an infected person (hugged or kissed them)
- shared eating or drinking utensils with an infected person
- was sneezed on, coughed on, or somehow got respiratory droplets from an infected person on them

Concordia personnel then submits the contact list to the Westchester County DOH, which contacts each person on the list each day to monitor symptoms. Concordia’s Student Health Center and Student Experience staff work closely with the Westchester County DOH, which conducts the contact tracing.

Contact tracing slows the spread of COVID-19 by

- Letting people know that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and should monitor their health for signs and symptoms of COVID-19
- Helping people who may have been exposed to COVID-19 get tested
- Asking people to self-isolate if they have COVID-19 or self-quarantine if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19

During contact tracing, the health department staff will not ask you for

- Money
- Social Security number
- Bank account information
- Salary information
- Credit card numbers

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