

Texas A&M University-Texarkana has had six students test positive for COVID-19 since Thursday, Aug. 27, according to a letter sent out by President Emily Cutrer.

Two of the six testing positive live in the residence hall, and five of them have attended at least one face-to-face class.

Those who tested positive have been told to isolate according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, and they will not be able to return to classes or campus activities until they have satisfied CDC guidelines for leaving isolation.

Cutrer's letter, which was sent to families with students at A&M-Texarkana, states the following about the teachers who were in classes with these students:

"The faculty members teaching the face-to-face classes those 5 students attended last week have been told (1) to quarantine for 14 days from the last date of exposure, (2) to test for Covid-19, and (3) to move all of their face-to-face classes online during the quarantine period. In most cases, the quarantine period ends on Sept. 9 or sooner, based on last contact."

TAMUT has notified other students attending face-to-face classes with the infected individuals, as well as their roommates. These students have been told to quarantine for the required period (14 days from the last date of exposure).

"I greatly regret that some of our students and faculty must quarantine," Cutrer stated at the end of the letter. "Our faculty, however, will continue to provide your student with the highest quality instruction using our online course delivery methods until they may safely return to the classroom. I understand that this is not ideal, but there is nothing I take more seriously than the health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff."

There is a dashboard on the COVID-19 page of the university's website, where links to all of the university's COVID-19 information -- return to campus guides, testing policies and more -- can be found, at <http://www.tamut.edu/covid-19>.

The dashboard is updated every Monday, but according to Communications Manager John Bunch, there have been no additional cases reported since it was updated Aug. 31.