

# **Dartmouth's Mirasol's Cafe takes pro-active steps after staff member tests positive for COVID-19**

The following was posted by Mirasol's Cafe's Instagram account:

"In strict compliance with the guidelines set forth by the CDC, Dartmouth Board of Health and OSHA and to provide the highest degree of transparency, we are informing our community that a staff member at our cafe has recently tested positive for COVID-19.

We excused this staff member from any work-related activity shortly after arriving at the cafe. The staff member had some underlying symptoms of COVID-19, so was promptly sent home. According to the Dartmouth Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Health, we are cleared to resume operations as normal, but we are taking it upon ourselves to close in order to sanitize, using an outside firm and get additional testing, so we will close on Tuesday (5/12) and Wednesday (5/13) and re-open on Thursday – Saturday of this week.

Mirasol's Cafe has exceeded the necessary steps to ensure the safety of our staff and customers. These steps include:

The staff member will not be permitted to return to work until meeting all CDC guidelines. These include: allowing at least seven (7) days to pass, testing negative twice within a 24 hour period in secondary COVID-19 testing, and/or they must be without fever and symptoms (under 100.4° F without fever-reducing medication) for 72 hours, with or without secondary COVID-19 testing.

Performing a comprehensive investigation of the employee's contact with others throughout the cafe. From this investigation, we have informed the necessary staff, third-parties, and authorities to ensure that the issue is contained to the highest degree. Any staff members who are symptomatic but have not been tested for COVID-19 will not be permitted to work.

We will continue our rigorous cleaning and sanitizing program of the entire workspace throughout our hours of operation as well as having our PPE on at all times and taking staff temperatures before staff members start to work, random checks throughout the day and a final one upon exiting the cafe.

As always, the community's and our staff members' continued health and wellness are always our top priority and we will do everything in our control to make Mirasol's Cafe the safest customer experience possible.

Thank you for your understanding." – Mirasol's Cafe.