



Dear Families of Evergreen Students,

As you likely know by now, tragedy struck Evergreen this week. The college's leadership team has been working intensely to understand what happened, take steps to secure the safety of our students, and support students who are grieving the loss of a peer. We don't want the week to end without communicating directly with Evergreen parents and family members. Please find below, some of the information that we have shared with the community today.

- The on-campus apartments and dorms are not at risk of carbon monoxide because appliances in these spaces run on electricity, not propane or natural gas. Most of our students who live on campus live in the apartments or dorms.
- We have 19 modular residential buildings (MODS) on campus. Of those, 12 are fully electric and therefore have no sources of carbon monoxide.
- The remaining seven MODS that are equipped with propane appliances have been the priority for safety testing and examination this week.
- Throughout the week we have tested for carbon monoxide in the MODS, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with a combination of our own staff, McLane Black Lake Fire Department, and Puget Sound Energy. This testing has revealed no evidence of carbon monoxide.
- Companies that supply Evergreen's propane tanks and fuel were onsite and checked their equipment.
- All carbon monoxide monitors have been tested.
- Every modular unit has been inspected and tested by outside independent contractors with specialized expertise in dealing with potential carbon monoxide leaks. No other issues have been identified.
- Although we have given intense attention to the seven MODS with propane units to verify the safety of those units, we want to be 100% sure. So, for peace-of-mind, we are working today to temporarily relocate the students who are currently living in those seven buildings. This will also allow us to consider what, if any, additional safety measures we can add to those units. We are also focusing on providing resources to the students affected by these moves to mitigate the inconvenience as much as possible.

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In addition, we are providing counseling resources to students affected:

- A grief processing group will be held with Student Wellness Services counselors this coming Monday at 1 pm, in the Social Justice Center on the 2nd floor of Evans Hall.
- Student Wellness Center Counselors have individual crisis appointments available next week. Students can visit the Student Wellness Services webpage to learn more.

We will continue to update the community throughout the coming weeks. Please refer to our website for updated information.

Sincerely,

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