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To help limit the spread of [COVID-19](#) on campus and protect our Eckerd and St. Petersburg communities, Eckerd College has partnered with Rapid-Trace, a local firm that aids businesses and educational institutions with contact tracing services.

Rapid-Trace is a contact tracing company dedicated to tracking and servicing individuals who have been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19. With a highly trained staff and experienced management team, Rapid-Trace is uniquely qualified to quickly and systematically alert contacts of possible exposure and provide them with the support and resources they need. Rapid-Trace hires locally to supply a trained team of “disease detectives” who operate in conjunction with public health agencies. The ultimate goal is to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 on our campus and keep our community healthy.

“We are proud to provide our pandemic support to Eckerd College and the important mission they serve within our community”, said Rapid-Trace President Scott Rodriguez.

Rapid-Trace contact tracers will work closely with Eckerd College Health Services and will inform people if they have contracted the virus or if they were in close contact with a confirmed positive case. Rapid-Trace places great importance on client data security and operates within state and national CDC guidelines.

"Eckerd College is proud to be partnering with Rapid-Trace, a local and veteran-owned company, for the important work of tracking and tracing the close contacts of on-campus students, faculty and staff who may test positive for COVID-19 during the academic year," said Robbyn Hopewell, a spokesperson for the College. "Tracing close contacts to get them quarantined, tested and possibly isolated is an integral part of curtailing community spread, so working with a dependable service provider is key for the success of any residential campus."

We are excited to have Rapid-Trace’s help in welcoming our community members back to campus safely. To learn more about Eckerd’s reopening plan, please visit <https://www.eckerd.edu/coronavirus/>.