U. bio professor quarantined for possible SARS infection

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A Brown faculty member has been placed under house quarantine due to a possible Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome infection, according to a campus-wide e-mail sent by Provost Robert Zimmer and Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Elizabeth Huidekoper.

Kimberly Mowry, associate professor of molecular biology, cell biology and biochemistry, recently returned from Toronto and has exhibited some SARS symptoms.

Mowry's condition has not been confirmed as SARS, but the University is taking precautionary measures as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Rhode Island Department of Health. Director of University Health Services Dr. Edward Wheeler said the professor's condition is already improving.

"She's been coughing for a week. She's definitely sick with something," said Sarah Denucci '03, one of Mowry's students.

The University contacted 11 people who may have been in close contact with Daniel Keefe's "Sailing a Dhow in Tanzania: A Cave Painting," allows viewers to examine the ship from all angles. It will be on display in the virtual reality lab April 16 and May 3 in a limited exhibition, "Works from the Cave," presented by the David Winton Bell Gallery and the Creative Arts Council.