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Re: Notification of Positive COVID-19 Case in Couzens Residence Hall

It is with an abundance of caution that we are sharing the following information with you. Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) was notified on August 31st that a resident in the Couzens Hall residing on the second floor tested positive for COVID-19 on August 30th. The affected person has been relocated from the building and their last date in Couzens was August 30th. Spaces where the case was present have been cleaned/disinfected or have been isolated.

Public health community notification is to proactively make the U-M community aware of positive cases on campus and potential exposures. We are following our protocol for sharing publicly about potential exposures to infectious diseases, like COVID-19, mumps, Norovirus. EHS working in conjunction with the health department has conducted a risk assessment to determine who may have been in close contact\(^1\) with the infected individual and has provided specific instructions if quarantine is required. **If you were not directly contacted by an EHS contact tracer, you are considered to be a low exposure risk and there is no need to quarantine or isolate.** Couzens residents and employees should continue to adhere to the guidance below.

- Wear a face covering or mask.
- Practice physical distancing by spacing yourself at least six feet away from others.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 which include but are not limited to:
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of Breath

If you are a student and are sick or have questions related to COVID-19 call University Health Service (UHS) at 734-764-8320. UHS does provide testing for COVID-19. Be sure to follow the guidance of your healthcare provider and local health department.

If you are an employee and are sick or have questions related to COVID-19, call Occupational Health Services at 734-764-8021. The OHS COVID-19 Call Center is available Monday - Friday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday 7:00am – 12:00pm. Employees calling outside of normal business hours can leave a message and OHS will follow up within 24 hours.

\(^1\) Close Contact is defined as any of the following even if you or the other person wore a mask: being less than 6 feet apart for 15 minutes or more (regardless of mask use or indoor/outdoor setting), if you were coughed on or sneezed on, hugging or kissing, sharing of utensils or drinking glasses, or are a roommate, intimate partner, or caregiver.
We want to reassure everyone that we take your health and safety seriously. Additional resources regarding COVID-19 can be found on the following websites:

Campus Maize and BluePrint: https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/
Washtenaw County Health Department: https://www.washtenaw.org/3095/COVID-19
U-M Environment, Health & Safety: https://ehs.umich.edu/2020/03/24/ehs-covid-19-information/