Date: 7/23/2021

Re: Notification of Positive COVID-19 Case in the Chemistry Building

Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) was notified on 7/22/2021 that an employee working on the fourth floor at the Chemistry Building tested positive for COVID-19. The affected person last worked in the building on 7/21/2021. 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, and Norovirus. EHS working in conjunction with the health department has conducted a risk assessment to determine who may have been in close contact¹ with the infected individual and has provided specific instructions to those identified if quarantine is required. **If you were not directly contacted by an EHS contact tracer, there is no increased risk of exposure and there is no need to quarantine or isolate.** Students and employees should continue to adhere to the guidance below.

- **Get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to you.** U-M strongly encourages vaccination for all U-M students, staff, faculty, and eligible family members. To find a vaccination opportunity near you or schedule an appointment, visit the [Michigan Medicine Finding Vaccines](https://www.medicinenet.com/vaccines/vaccinefinder/vaccinefinder.aspx) webpage or call 734.763.6336.
- **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** using the [ResponsiBLUE Daily Symptom Tracker](https://ResponsiBLUE.com)

COVID-19 testing capacity has increased significantly and regular asymptomatic testing is available to all students, faculty and staff on the Ann Arbor campus - including Michigan Medicine - through the [Community Sampling and Tracking Program](https://www.med.umich.edu/contain/). If you are a student and are sick or have questions related to COVID-19, call University Health Service (UHS) at 734-764-8320. U-M Ann Arbor undergraduate students who live on campus, are registered for an in-person or hybrid class, or who come to campus for research, work or other activities (e.g., libraries, union, Rec. Sports, Dining) in campus buildings are required to complete **weekly mandatory COVID-19 testing through U-M.**

If you are an employee and are sick or have questions related to COVID-19, call [Occupational Health Services](https://www.ohs.umich.edu) at 734-764-8021. The OHS COVID-19 Call Center is available everyday from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm. 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. Previous public health community notices can be found on the link below:
https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/dashboard/dashboard-community-notices

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/

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact EHS at EHS-Covid-19-Reporting@umich.edu.