



TO: All Mary Markley Residents and Staff

DATE: 10/17/2020

Re: COVID-19 Cluster at Mary Markley Residence Hall

The pop-up testing event earlier this week identified 17 positive cases on multiple floors of Mary Markley; several results are still pending. All positive cases and close contacts have been moved or are in the process of being moved to isolation or quarantine if recently identified.

Due to the high prevalence of cases in Markley and the lack of cooperation from a high proportion of residents who have still not participated in mandatory testing-- thus increasing the overall risk for residents -- we are taking additional immediate measures to protect all Markley residents and prevent further spread of COVID-19.

In alignment with guidance from the Washtenaw County Health Department, the University is taking the following steps:

1. **All Markley residents should not attend in-person classes** and are expected to follow [enhanced social distancing for the next 14 days](#):
 - Monitor your health daily by completing the [ResponsiBLUE Symptom Tracker](#). This is a requirement for all individuals on campus daily.
 - Take your temperature twice a day.
 - Stay in your room as much as possible and avoid contact with others (no social gatherings).
 - Only leave your room when necessary to obtain food, use the bathroom, or in the case of an emergency. Wear a face covering if you must leave your room. Student-athletes may attend required athletic events because of increased student-athlete testing.
 - Maintain 6 feet of social distancing at all times.
 - Wash hands frequently.
2. Individuals who have not been tested will receive additional communication about corrective measures to ensure compliance with required testing.
3. Even though many of the residents remaining in Markley Hall have recently tested negative, a person can become infectious 2-14 days past their exposure. It is recommended that students sign up for the Community Sampling and Tracking program at this [link](#) and get additional testing if they desire.
4. Bathrooms on the 3rd floor will have increased cleaning by facilities staff. Additional floors will be added as needed based on further analysis of test results.
5. Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has had known exposure, should contact [University Health Service](#) (UHS) at 734-764-8320 or [complete the online assessment](#) immediately.

We are asking that everyone share in the responsibility to take the precautions as outlined by the Washtenaw County Health Department in order to prevent a larger outbreak that could result in further restrictions. Case counts are increasing across campus and the county with many linked to social gatherings. EHS and the health

department will continue to monitor the situation closely. We want to reassure everyone that we take your health and safety seriously.

Sincerely,

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Additional resources regarding COVID-19 can be found on the following websites:

Campus Maize and BluePrint: <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/>

Washtenaw County Health Department: www.washtenaw.org/covid19

Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

U-M Environment, Health & Safety: <https://ehs.umich.edu/2020/03/24/ehs-covid-19-information/>