Date: 10/30/2020

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

Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) was notified on 10/30/2020 that one resident residing on the fifth floor in Blagdon House, one resident residing on the sixth floor in Scott House, and one resident residing on the sixth floor in Fisher House tested positive for COVID-19. The affected persons have been relocated from the building and their last dates in Markley were respectively 10/22/2020, 10/21/2020, and 10/28/2020. Additionally, another resident residing on the sixth floor in Scott House had tested positive for COVID-19 but had moved from the building before they were infectious to others. Their last date in Markley was 10/22/2020. Spaces where the cases were 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 contact\(^1\) 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.** 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](https://www.med.umich.edu/cam/covid19/more-signs-and-symptoms.html) using the [ResponsiBLUE Daily Symptom Tracker](https://www.med.umich.edu/cam/covid19/myblue.html)

If you are a student and are sick or have questions related to COVID-19 call [University Health Service](https://www.med.umich.edu/cam/covid19/student-health.html) (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](https://www.med.umich.edu/cam/covid19/employee-health.html) 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.

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\(^1\) 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.