



TO: South Quad 5th Floor Residents
DATE: 10/10/2020

Re: COVID-19 Cluster at South Quad Residence Hall

The recent pop-up testing event resulted in identifying an additional 6 positive cases on the 5th floor. If you have not yet been tested as part of this event you will receive information about additional testing opportunities for the upcoming week. Interviews have not all been completed, but it has been determined that these new cases are not associated with other cases and have no known source of exposure. While this can happen at any time during a pandemic situation, we are taking additional measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the building. All positive cases and close contacts have been moved to isolation or quarantine.

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

1. Residents of the 5th floor **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 two times a day.
 - Stay in your room as much as possible and avoiding 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. Due to increased testing for athletes, they can also leave to attend their athletic events.
 - Maintain 6 feet of social distancing at all times.
 - Wash hands frequently.
2. Even though the remaining individuals have recently tested negative, a person can become infectious 2-14 days past their exposure. It is recommended that students sign up for the CTSP and get additional testing if they desire.
3. Bathrooms on the 5th floor will have increased cleaning by facilities staff.
4. Anyone that has symptoms or a high risk or 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 Health Department in order to prevent a more serious outbreak that could result in further restrictions. EHS and the Health Department will continue to monitor the case 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/>