



TO: South Quad Residents and Staff

DATE: 9/17/2020

Re: COVID-19 Cluster at South Quad Residence Hall

As of September 17th, there have been 19 confirmed positive covid-19 cases in South Quad. Currently the 6th and 8th floors have the most cases and are the area of focus. Environment, Health and Safety and Washtenaw County Health Department have been monitoring the situation and identified it as [a cluster](#). After extensive investigation, the majority of the cases were found to be connected but three cases on the 6th floor are not associated 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. Do not socially visit the 6th or 8th floors as they are expected to follow enhanced social distancing for the next 14 days.
2. Continue to monitor your health daily by completing the [ResponsiBLUE Symptom Tracker](#). This is a requirement for all individuals on campus daily.
3. Limit social interactions within the dorm as well as on campus.
4. Sign up for priority testing to be tested through the Community Sampling and Tracking program at this [link](#).
5. 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 prevent a more serious outbreak that could result in further restrictions on residents. 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/>