



TO: South Quad 6th and 8th Floor Residents
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. Residents of the 6th and 8th floors are expected to follow [enhanced social distancing](#) for the next **14 day**:
 - 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 when necessary to obtain food or to attend in-person classes if no remote option is available while wearing a face covering. 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. Out of abundance of caution, residents of 6th and 8th floor **must undergo mandatory testing for COVID-19**. Arrangements are being made and a detailed message will follow.
3. Bathrooms on the 6th and 8th floors 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 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/>