Date: 9/14/2020

Re: Notification of Positive COVID-19 Case in South Quad

Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) was notified on 9/14/2020 that six residents in South Quad residing on the sixth and eighth floors tested positive for COVID-19. There have been 11 cases identified in South Quad since September 5th. Nine of these cases are related to a social group of friends and roommates. All cases and close contacts have been identified and isolated/quarantined per protocol. The situation is being monitored closely by both U-M and Washtenaw County Health Department. Based on detailed case investigation in partnership with the local health department, it has been determined that broad testing at South Quad is not indicated at this time. University officials continue to encourage all students, staff and faculty that are on-campus to sign up for the U-M COVID-19 Community Sampling and Tracking Program. All individuals on campus, including those working and residing in South Quad, should continue to use the ResponsiBLUE Daily symptom tracker and to continue to practice other prevention measures such as wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands, and refraining from gatherings (especially indoors) in order to stop the spread of Covid-19. 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 contact1 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.** South Quad 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 using the ResponsiBLUE Daily Symptom Tracker

If you are a student and are sick or have questions related to COVID-19 call University Health Service (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.

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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.
If you are an employee and are sick or have questions related to COVID-19, call Occupational Health Services 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.

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/