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Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) was notified that two residents in South Quadrangle Residence Hall residing on the fourth floor in Hunt House and fourth floor in Taylor House tested positive for COVID-19. The affected persons have been relocated from the building and their last dates in South Quad were 9/1/2021 and 9/2/2021, respectively. Additionally, one individual who spent time at South Quad on 8/30/2021 tested positive for COVID-19. Public spaces (bathrooms, lounges, etc) where the case(s) was present have been cleaned/disinfected or have been isolated in accordance with CDC guidelines.

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. Fully vaccinated people are not currently required to quarantine even if they have a documented close contact exposure, but the CDC does recommend testing 3 to 5 days post exposure if they are asymptomatic. Employees can utilize testing through CSTP if they are asymptomatic and wish to pursue testing. Any employee that is symptomatic should call OHS for guidance on testing. Students and employees should continue to adhere to the guidance below.

- All U-M faculty, staff, and students are required to be fully vaccinated. Individuals must receive or have received at least the initial dose of the COVID-19 vaccination and submit their proof of vaccination information to U-M no later than August 30, 2021, with limited exemptions, per the [University of Michigan COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#).
  - To find a vaccination opportunity near you or schedule an appointment, visit the [U-M Campus Blueprint Vaccination Page](#) or call Michigan Medicine at 734-763-6336.
- Wear a face covering in accordance with the [U-M face covering policy](#) and if you are unvaccinated, practice social distancing as feasible.
- 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](#).

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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. Employees calling outside of normal business hours can leave a message and OHS will follow up within 24 hours.

If you are a student and are sick or have questions related to COVID-19 call University Health Service (UHS) at 734-764-8320.

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.