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Re: Notification of Positive COVID-19 Case in Biomedical Science Research Building (BSRB)

Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) was notified the morning of 9/13/2020 that a researcher on the second floor tested positive for COVID-19. The affected person's last date of work in the in BSRB was 9/9/2020. Spaces where the affected person was 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 lab 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.** BSRB 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](#) which include but are not limited to:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of Breath

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.

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. Additional resources regarding COVID-19 can be found on the following websites:

¹ Close Lab Contact is defined as working on the on the same shift, or for at least one day in the past 3 days, and in the same lab space / room. This does NOT apply to other lab workers on the floor, nor those in the building or others who may have had contact outside of the lab. All employees are encouraged to monitor symptoms.

Campus Maize and Blueprint: <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/>

Washtenaw County Health Department: <https://www.washtenaw.org/3095/COVID-19>

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/>