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RE: Statement on SARS-CoV-2-Infected Students on UC Campuses

Per recent discussions with the UC Health Coordinating Committee system-wide Public Health working group, please reference the guidance regarding potential SARS-CoV-2 infected students on UC campuses.

The working group recommends UC campuses develop local supportive isolation, quarantine, and monitoring plans for infected and affected students living on-campus or in nearby local communities. The working group does not recommend returning SARS-CoV2 infected or exposed students to their home communities until infection is resolved or excluded.

Please share this information as needed.

Sincerely,

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UC Public Health COVID-19 Working Group

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This Fall, as University of California (UC) students move on or near campus, the incidence of students infected with SARS-CoV-2 may increase. While campus plans have been developed to lower the risk of transmission, it is still expected that new cases will be diagnosed and outbreaks may occur.

The UC Public Health COVID-19 Working Group strongly encourages UC to support on-campus students¹ who test positive for SARS-CoV-2 and their close student contacts by continuing to provide living facilities and services to support these students to remain in place until cleared by a medical professional. Where feasible, campuses should also consider providing similar accommodations and services to those students in nearby local communities who do not live in housing owned and operated by the University (i.e., locally housed). Returning students to their home communities risks exposing family members and other home community members to SARS-CoV-2 and extending outbreaks beyond campus locations. Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, recently described return-home policies for infected students as the “worst thing you could do.”

The Working Group recommends UC campuses develop local supportive isolation, quarantine, and monitoring plans for infected and exposed students living on-campus or in nearby local communities to promote quarantine that protects the community as well as to promote health for cases and contacts exposed to SARS-CoV-2. These plans should include:

- Isolation and quarantine accommodations for on-campus students who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 and their close student contacts.
- Isolation and quarantine considerations for students in nearby local communities who do not live in housing owned and operated by the University where feasible and based on housing availability.
- Triage procedures and designated personnel that provide periodic monitoring or care escalation for students requiring ambulatory or inpatient healthcare services during quarantine.
- Structured plans for the provision of support services including meals, personal supplies, internet connectivity, and additional support services that may be necessary for students who are too symptomatic to participate in day-to-day instruction.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides [further guidance](#) to ensure continuity of safe housing for students who need to be in isolation or quarantine.

¹ Those students living in housing owned and operated by the University