Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidance
When an individual that has tested positive for COVID-19 has been on campus

The following guidance provides recommendations and actions to take according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) when an individual has tested positive for COVID-19 and has recently been on a campus. The CDC emphasizes the importance of guidance at the local level.

1. **Coordinate with local health officials.**
   Once learning of a COVID-19 case in someone who has been on the campus, immediately reach out to Wisconsin local public health officials.

2. **Ensure the campus Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been notified.** Also, notify the UW System EOC of the case.
   Contacts at the UW System EOC: Ruth Anderson randerson@uwsa.edu and Amy Spohn aspohn@uwsa.edu in the Office of Administrative Services.

3. **Work with Wisconsin local public health officials** to determine closure/cleaning recommendations of buildings and facilities impacted by a COVID-19 case or close contact.

4. **Communicate with students, staff, and faculty.**
   Coordinate with local health officials to discuss communication about the COVID-19 exposure.
   - Plan to include messages to counter potential stigma and discrimination.
   - Maintain confidentiality of the student or staff member by not identifying the sick individual by name, even if asked, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, as applicable.

5. **Clean and disinfect thoroughly.**
   - Close off areas used by the ill individual and close contacts. It is also important to avoid action that would allow the sick individual to be identified.
   - Leave building ventilation on. Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.
   - Wait 24 hours or as long as practical before beginning cleaning and disinfection.
   - Cleaning staff should clean and disinfect all areas (e.g., offices, bathrooms, and common areas) used by the individual focusing especially on frequently touched surfaces.
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- If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

- For disinfection most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective. A list of products that are EPA-approved for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 is available [here](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-ihe-response.html). Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

- If it has been more than 7 days since the person with suspected/confirmed COVID-19 visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary per CDC.

- Additional information on cleaning and disinfection of community facilities such as schools can be found on CDC’s website.

6. **Ensure continuity of safe housing if cases of COVID-19 have been identified among residents of on-campus community housing:**
   - Consult with Wisconsin local public health officials to take additional precautions.
     - Determine when, how, and where to move ill residents.

6. **Ensure continuity of meal programs for students remaining on campus.**

7. **Consider if, and when, to stop, scale back, or modify other support services on campus.**
   - Identify other types of services provided to students, staff, and faculty. Consider ways to adapt these to minimize risk of COVID-19 transmission while maintaining services deemed necessary.

**Reference:**