

# COE Building Protocols for Covid-affected Personnel

This protocol applies to labs visited by individuals who exhibit Covid symptoms\* or have been Covid exposed before entry to labs and have reported this information to supervisors

## The Possibly Infected Individual Should:

1. Contact Student Health Service (students) or Physician (other staff) and Schedule Covid Test<sup>1,2</sup>
2. Stay home until test results received
3. If positive, report to supervisor (i) date of initial symptoms/exposure (ii) times present in COE labs and (iii) any close contacts<sup>3</sup> made while in the laboratory
4. Quarantine / Isolate per the Health Care Provider and CDC guidelines before returning to laboratory<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ucsb.edu/COVID-19-information/reporting#resource-list>

<sup>3</sup>CDC: Someone within 6 ft of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine-isolation.html>

## The Faculty PI / Lab Manager Should:

1. Check with Individual for date of initial symptoms/exposure and for close contacts<sup>4</sup> during their time in COE buildings. Check lab booking calendars.
2. Notify Department Chair and relevant Building Committee of Incident Details  
([building@cnsi.ucsb.edu](mailto:building@cnsi.ucsb.edu),  
[bioe\\_building@bioengineering.ucsb.edu](mailto:bioe_building@bioengineering.ucsb.edu)  
[mrlbuilding@mrl.ucsb.edu](mailto:mrlbuilding@mrl.ucsb.edu), [E2building@engineering.ucsb.edu](mailto:E2building@engineering.ucsb.edu)  
[ESBbuilding@engineering.ucsb.edu](mailto:ESBbuilding@engineering.ucsb.edu)  
[HFHbuilding@engineering.ucsb.edu](mailto:HFHbuilding@engineering.ucsb.edu))
3. Wait 24 h., or as long as possible, before disinfecting the affected space. Notify users to wait until (time) before disinfecting/using this space". Post signs if possible.
4. Notify Campus Covid Advisor of any positive test results: [ucsb-covid19@ucsb.edu](mailto:ucsb-covid19@ucsb.edu) or 805-893-3113

<sup>4</sup><https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

\*COVID symptoms are considered a change in health including but not limited to, fever, and/or, change in taste and/or smell, and/or, cough, and/or, generalized aches and pains

# Further EII Information for Faculty and Department Chairs

- Individuals who report symptoms or exposure often do not test positive, so only other individuals in close contact\* should be confidentially notified of potential exposure.
- No need to notify entire department or surrounding labs if potentially infected individual was following lab SOP procedures.
- Potentially infected individuals and close contacts should refrain from lab activity until test results are available.
- A 24h lab closure followed by cleaning per lab SOPs is sufficient for subsequent safe operation after symptomatic individual was present.
- Lab reopening plan should address the dates when affected individuals can return to lab, after isolation, quarantine and/or advice of physician.
- If there is a positive test outcome, University Covid-19 Reporting process should be invoked <https://www.ucsb.edu/COVID-19-information/reporting>
- Department or Building level communications on any positive results should be cleared with Building Committee and Campus Clinical Advisor [ucsb-covid19@ucsb.edu](mailto:ucsb-covid19@ucsb.edu) or 805-893-3113

*\* Close contacts are defined by the CDC as someone within 6 ft of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated:*<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>