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\(^1,2\)
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\(^3\) made while in the laboratory
4. Quarantine / Isolate per the Health Care Provider and CDC guidelines before returning to laboratory\(^4\)

The Faculty PI / Lab Manager Should:

1. Check with Individual for date of initial symptoms/exposure and for close contacts\(^4\) 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, bioe_building@bioengineering.ucsb.edu, mrlbuilding@mrl.ucsb.edu, E2building@engineering.ucsb.edu, ESBbuilding@engineering.ucsb.edu, 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 or 805-893-3113

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\(^1\) http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu

\(^2\) https://www.ucsb.edu/COVID-19-information/reporting#resource-list

\(^3\) 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


*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

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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](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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact)