What happens if someone on campus notifies us they have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19?

University Support Services' Role

It's a valid concern, and we want to reassure you that University Support Services takes its role in the fight against infectious diseases seriously. Our number one priority is keeping our campus clean and our community safe. Following the CDC's recommendations (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html), we have outlined below our response guidelines for when we receive notification that someone has been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19.

Step 1 - Response

Our front-line teams will respond to the area immediately, if notified during regular business hours and within 4 hours if notified after regular business hours. The exposed area will be closed to entry while our teams work.
Step 2 - ULV Fogger

Our teams will disinfect the space using an ULV Fogger. This type of machine generates a fog or mist formed of Ultra Low Volume (ULV) droplets, much smaller than produced by your typical manual sprayers. Studies show they can significantly reduce the number of viable infectious pathogens by producing micro droplets that float in the air for around 10 minutes after application, reaching areas considered inaccessible by regular cleaning methods.

Resources:
Demonstration: https://youtu.be/SyreOGwzHco

Step 3 - Disinfect Frequently Touched Surfaces

In addition to using the ULV Foggers to fully disinfect the space, our teams will use EPA-approved cleaners to further disinfect frequently used surfaces in the exposed area such as door handles and light switches.
Step 4 - Reopen the Space

After thoroughly disinfecting the space and consulting with the Emergency Management Coordinator, our teams will remove the posted signage and reopen the area for use.

As always, we encourage everyone to refer to the CDC's website (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html) for the most up to date information about what you can do to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Questions?

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