



INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

within The University of Queensland

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COVID-19 – Plan for Resident Illness in College – Semester 2, 2020

The outline below is to be considered as part of the COVID Safe Work Plan for the College and outlines a number of scenarios and the procedures required to minimise the risks associated with residents who are unwell. Register to be kept of all illness related events.

Scenario A

Residents who are ill (e.g. cold, cough, gastro) with a level of infectiousness but not COVID 19.

1. Resident to notify IH staff if feeling unwell – office or SR
2. Determine if resident is COVID-19 Free – through testing at UQ Health, doctor, testing centre or Q Health
3. Resident must self-isolate with meal delivery to room whilst awaiting test results
4. Self isolate for the few days in own room until well and following health advice.
5. Resident does not leave room unless to use bathroom or collecting meals. No visitors or visiting of common spaces
6. Resident does not attend university/campus or work during this period
7. Advise other residents on the same floor to use an alternative bathrooms (if preferred)
8. Escalate procedure if other residents show similar symptoms
9. Inform Chartwells - Meals will be collected from dining hall/side kitchen and consumed in room
10. Inform Academy Services – additional cleaning may be required; daily meal rubbish removal will be required
11. Daily welfare check on resident via mobile conducted by IH Staff
12. Once resident is well, resident can return to dining hall for meals; normal practices apply
13. IH Staff informed and will monitor the situation

Scenario B

Residents who are being tested for COVID-19 and other residents who have been told to self isolate until results known.

One scenario is that it is low risk and only the affected resident is to remain in isolation until test results known. A second scenario is that it is deemed higher risk with a probability of a positive result and a risk of spreading virus to others have occurred.

Single person testing:

1. UQ Health or Q Health notifies IH that a resident is being tested or a resident has informed IH that they are unwell and will be tested
2. Resident returns to college from medical practitioner and is required to isolate in room until test results known (24-48 hrs)

3. *Option of self isolating in I 2.1 (ensuited room) or remain in their room with sole use of bathroom*
4. *Coordinate with Chartwells for emergency pack and meals to be delivered to their room (contactless)*
5. *Inform Academy Services – cleaning pack for bathroom and daily rubbish removal*
6. *If resident is on floor and has sole use of bathroom then no clean required of bathroom nor room clean (linen change to be determined); cleaning material available for resident to use*
7. *Daily welfare checks*
8. *An option available if positive is that the resident may return home following health guidelines*
9. *If negative result – return to normal*

Multiple contacts require self isolation

10. *UQ Health or Q Health inform IH that multiple residents via contact tracing must self isolate until test results known of above resident*
11. *Q Health may determine that this group will need to be tested*
12. *Ensure all residents within this group remain in room with sole use of bathroom; food delivery to door, no sharing of bathroom*
13. *Daily welfare checks on all self isolated residents*
14. *If residents (who are self-isolating) become ill they will be required to undergo COVID 19 testing - follow Q Health protocol as above*

Scenario C

Residents who have been tested and return a COVID-19 positive result. Depending of symptoms the resident may be asked to return to IH to recover and self-isolate, or if more severe may be required to go to hospital for a period of time and then return to IH to recover.

1. *If the ill resident returns to IH they will be required to self-isolate with sole use of bathroom*
2. *If possible the ill resident is moved to a self contained unit with ensuite bathroom (I2.1) – room to be furnished with bedding and linen, tea, coffee, kettle, microwave, basic toiletries, rubbish bags*
3. *Other residents identified through contact tracing by Q Health will also need to self-isolate with sole use of bathroom and will probably be required to undergo testing*
4. *IH Staff may be required to undergo testing*
5. *Inform Chartwells - meals delivery to their door (contactless)*
6. *Academy Services – cleaning pack for room and bathroom provided; weekly linen drop and daily rubbish removal*
7. *Daily welfare check on residents*
8. *Inform UQ of any positive cases*
9. *Inform Residents' parent/carer*
10. *Once regime for testing is negative the tower, rooms and common room will need to be deep cleaned following Q Health guidelines*

Other:

1. *Other areas of the college might need to be closed for cleaning e.g. dining hall, Ivor Cribb, common room if IH has a positive case and the individual residents or residents have been in these spaces*
2. *Some areas to remain off limits to residents – office, office bathrooms, towers not in use, I-House,*
3. *Plans to be updated with additional information*

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