

UC Riverside Campus Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Disinfection Response Plan

August 4, 2020

In preparation for potential coronavirus (COVID-19) decontamination needs, UCR Facilities Services has developed a response plan for disinfecting areas with confirmed COVID-19 cases. Facilities Services (FS) will be notified by UCR Health or Student Health Services when disinfection of an area(s) is needed. Facilities Services will arrange for and coordinate these activities. CDC, State and local guidance will be followed.

What to Expect:

Once notified by UCR Health or Student Health Center, Facilities Services will contact the Supervisor of the individual that has tested positive, but the identity of the individual will not be shared. Based on the case investigation process, areas to be disinfected will be assessed and closed off to the public; however, in most cases, impacts will be to specific areas of a building and not significantly impact most building occupants. If disinfection of a laboratory is necessary, Facilities Services will coordinate with the Principal Investigator/Supervisor to ensure that sensitive research equipment is not impacted by the disinfection process.

General signage will be posted on doors to ensure no entry (<https://ehs.ucr.edu/coronavirus/resources>). Building occupants will be notified by FS that disinfection will be taking place, with estimated dates and times. Other instruction for building occupants may be included. A template notification can be found below.

Following CDC recommendations, there is a minimum of a 24 hour wait time before cleaning and disinfection can be performed from the last time the confirmed case was in the area. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible. When cleaning and disinfection begins, individuals in the area may see a disinfection team in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Please avoid areas where disinfection is taking place. Once the area has been appropriately disinfected and signage removed, the space can be opened for use. Facilities Services will remove signage which will signal re-entry is appropriate. In addition, a notification email will also be sent to the building occupants.

If More than 7 days: Per CDC, if it has been more than 7 days since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, then disinfection above general standard of care would not be effective. Continue routine cleaning which includes everyday practices normally used to maintain a healthy environment.

If not a confirmed case: Continue routine cleaning which includes everyday practices normally used to maintain a healthy environment. Standard Operating Procedures for routine cleaning of spaces of lab/research settings and general spaces can be found at the links below

Routine Surface Cleaning: Continue to follow the CDC's recommendations for cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects every day. These include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. A list of products suitable to disinfect COVID-19 is available [here](#). This list has been preapproved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Please wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when cleaning and follow manufacturer's instructions on proper use of disinfectants.

SOP for cleaning lab/research spaces:

<https://ehs.ucr.edu/sites/g/files/rcwecm1061/files/2020-06/Disinfection-SOP-for-Labs-COVID.pdf>

SOP for cleaning general spaces:

<https://ehs.ucr.edu/sites/g/files/rcwecm1061/files/2020-07/Disinfection-SOP-for-General-Areas-Office-Spaces-COVID.pdf>

Coronavirus updates for the UCR Community can be found at <https://ehs.ucr.edu/coronavirus>. If you have any questions, please contact ehspublichealth@ucr.edu.

TEMPLATE NOTIFICATION FOR POSITIVE CASE:

DATE XXXXX
FROM Facilities Services
TO XXXX Building Occupants
SUBJECT DATE and BUILDING NAME Building Planned Space Disinfection

Dear Building Occupants,

As you know, the campus has implemented multiple infection control and prevention measures during the Coronavirus pandemic. We are committed to keeping you up-to-date on any potential health risks. Therefore, we wanted to notify you of a situation we have learned about as it pertains to the **XXXX Building Room(s) XXXX**.

An employee has a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Per our established procedures and following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State and local guidelines, we have required:

- The affected individual to refrain from coming to work for a period of at least ten days.
- All individuals who had close/prolonged contact with this employee to do the same. Individuals with close contact have been identified and notified through the Campus Case Investigation process.

Names of individuals who have tested positive must not be shared and all efforts to protect private health information is expected.

To ensure all individuals are protected, we have taken the following steps:

- Disinfection is coordinated by the employee’s supervisor, UCR Health, Student Health Services, EH&S and Facilities Services.
- We have temporarily closed off areas of greatest impact from DATE until DATE. Signage for those affected areas have been posted.

The area will be disinfected with EPA approved disinfectant. A copy of the Safety Data Sheet of the disinfectant used can be found here: <https://facilities.ucr.edu/document/germ-swipe-sds>

You may see the disinfecting team wearing personal protective equipment and working in certain areas of the building. This is standard operating procedure to protect those cleaning the areas. If you see the disinfecting in progress, please avoid the areas where the work is performed.

We are asking all building occupants to continue to monitor their health carefully during the next 14 days and use the daily UCR COVID-19 symptom tool,



<https://ehs.ucr.edu/coronavirus/symptoms-tool>. If you experience symptoms of COVID-19, contact Student Health Services at (951) 827-3031 for students, or the UCR Employee COVID-19 Hotline at (844) 827-6827, or use the UCR COVID-19 symptom tool and contact your medical care provider. Symptoms may include flu-like conditions such as sore throat, dry cough and fever (greater than 100.4°F). Other, less frequent symptoms may include nausea or diarrhea.

We care about your health. Please continue to practice all [Coronavirus safety practices and protocols](#) developed by the campus and work site-specific plans developed by your supervisor.

Sincerely,
Environmental Health & Safety & Facilities Services

Additional Resources

UCR Employee COVID-19 Hotline: (844) 827-6827

UCR Student Health Services: (951) 827-3031

EH&S: (951) 827-5528 | ehspublichealth@ucr.edu

Facilities Services: (951) 827-4214 | facilities@ucr.edu

UCR Coronavirus Website: <https://ehs.ucr.edu/coronavirus>

In an ongoing effort to keep our distribution lists accurate and updated, if someone needs to be included or removed on this type of notification, please use this [form](#) to add their contact information. If you have any questions or concerns, please email facilities@ucr.edu