U of T COVID-19 WASTEWATER CASE MANAGEMENT PROCESS (SUSPECTED, NOT CONFIRMED)

Background: Wastewater monitoring (WWM) occurs at an aggregate level at large student residences. The virus can be detected while individuals may be pre- or a-symptomatic. Wastewater samples are not linked back to individuals, so a response at the building-level is required. This response is activated for Students, Staff, Faculty, Librarians, and external visitors that live and work in the building at the time of an elevated wastewater signal.

Parties notified: Students, Staff, Faculty, Librarians, and external visitors

Anyone that lives or works in the affected residence should follow the direction provided to them by the wastewater monitoring response team.

Symptomatic individuals
must get a qPCR test and
follow existing U of T protocol
for symptomatic and
confirmed cases.

Note: This guidance is expected to change often based on COVID-19 related public health and government directives. Please do not download/circulate this document; visit the COVID-19 General Workplace Guidelines for most up to date version.

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1. WWM team notifies residence, Rapid Antigen Screening Team and Environmental Health & Safety (EHS)

2. Residence management and EHS deploy necessary communications to residents and affiliates of building (see parties notified). Communications reiterated for enhanced vigilance and physical distancing.

3. Rapid Antigen Screening (mobile) Team deployed and set-up in the residence within 24 hours

4. Rapid antigen screening of all asymptomatic individuals and notifying of results.

5a. If screening result is negative, the individual is advised to continue practicing physical distancing and vigilance.

5b. If screening result is presumed positive, the individual must get a qPCR test and follow the existing U of T protocol for symptomatic and confirmed cases

6. F&S sends disinfection notification, schedule for disinfection, and final notice when disinfection is completed. See the case management process for further details:

https://ehs.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/UofT-COVID-19-Case-Management-Process.pdf

7. EHS provides advice for broader communication as required and provides template.

If you have any questions regarding any of the process steps, please contact gina.trubiani@utoronto.ca DIRECTLY.