COVID – 19 PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS

This procedure was created for the University of Calgary in accordance with the Alberta Health guidance for post secondary and was made effective on June 15, 2020.

Purpose:
To establish a guideline for students when they become sick.

General Procedure:

- All students should be aware of symptoms of illness and not come to university if sick or symptomatic.
- If a student has symptoms, they should complete the self-assessment on the Alberta Health Services website AHS COVID-19 Self-Assessment and follow guidance from AHS, which may include booking a COVID-19 test.
- Instructors and lab supervisors are required by the Alberta Post-secondary Guidance document to maintain a record of attendance, in the event of contact tracing. Contact tracing would be the responsibility of AHS, if the student tests positive for COVID-19.

Procedure if a student becomes sick while at university:

1. If a student becomes sick, they should leave the classroom, lab or workspace immediately if they are well enough (see transportation options below).
   - The student should wear a mask while leaving the premises and/or while waiting for transportation. Campus Security (403-220-5333) can be contacted to provide a mask to a sick student.
   - If the student needs to wait for transportation, they may stay indoors while maintaining a 2-metre physical distance from others.
   - If weather is nice and student is well enough, they can stay outside while waiting for transport.
2. Instruct student to perform hand hygiene and avoid contact with others or the environment.
3. Clean and disinfect areas and surfaces that the student was in contact with or close to (within two metres).
   - Refer to Cleaning and Disinfecting instructions in lab and worksite safety plans.
   - Contact Facilities Caretaking or Staff Wellness for guidance on cleaning and disinfecting as needed.
   - Common areas can be cleaned by Facilities Caretaking though a customer care request (403) 220-7555.

4. Once at home, the student should complete the self-assessment on the Alberta Health Services website AHS COVID-19 Self-Assessment, and follow the directions.

5. Student should inform their supervisor, instructor or, if in residence, their community advisor of their absence.

6. Student should attempt to identify a list of people with whom they were in close contact (within 2 metres without physical barrier or without PPE) should a positive COVID-19 test indicate a need for contact tracing.

7. Students will remain off campus until cleared to return in accordance with self-assessment or testing results (based on AHS isolation criteria).

**Recommended transportation options (in order):**

1. Student drives self home.
2. Pickup by family or friend:
   - Remind student to keep distance.
   - Masks can be obtained through Campus Security (403-220-5333) if department does not have a mask to give to student.
     - Have a peer come to pick up mask.
3. Pickup by taxi:
   - Provide student with mask and instructions to perform hand hygiene before entering the vehicle.
     - Avoid touching inside the vehicle
     - Keep mask on for the duration of ride
   - NOTE that you will have to check with the taxi company if they will be able to transport and take precautions (e.g. clean inside of vehicle, etc.)
4. Public transportation (bus, c-train) is NOT allowed under public health orders.
5. Call 911 for individuals requiring emergency medical assistance. Let the operator know that they could have COVID-19, so they can make appropriate arrangements to care for them safely.