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Subject: Residents of Jones hall 24 hour Stay in Place notice

Dear Residents of Jones Hall,

Over the last 36 hours, we have learned of two positive COVID-19 cases among students living on the first floor of Jones residence hall. Those students have already been relocated to isolation. The Health Center is investigating two other possible cases involving residents who reside on the same floor. Therefore, the infectious disease specialist at Hartford Health Care has directed that every student who lives on the first floor get tested today at our testing center and that afterward you remain in your room until the test results return. Again, this pertains to the first floor rooms that start with 100 (not basement level).

Testing requirements:

- As a resident of the first floor, even if you were tested yesterday, you should return to get tested again today before 5:30 p.m.
- If you were already tested today, you do not need to be retested today.

We urge you to take this step so that we may accurately determine the prevalence of COVID-19 on the first floor and contain its spread. You can go to the testing center anytime between now and 5:30 p.m. to be tested.

This also means the following for now:

1. Residents of the first floor cannot leave their rooms until test results are returned and you hear further instructions from us. The one brief exception is to get meals, which must be done at an alternative location outside of Mather Hall. Please return immediately to your room. Residential Learning Coordinator Joel Copperthite (cell phone is 203-631-8820) will be in direct contact with you about when and where to pick up your meals.
2. Residents of the first floor cannot attend in-person classes.
3. Residents of the other floors are not permitted to visit first-floor residents.
4. No visitors in Jones at any time.
5. Common rooms in the building cannot be used at this time.

Please be reminded that you must:

1. Follow all social distancing guidelines
2. Wear face coverings
3. Employ good hygiene practices by washing hands and cleaning up after yourself while using the restroom
4. Remain in residence and call the Health Center (860-297-2018) if you are not feeling well or are experiencing symptoms listed on their daily health report via the [CoVerified app](#).

We recognize that this situation is stressful, and we appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Should you need it, please avail yourself of assistance through our Counseling and Wellness Center at 860-297-2415. We encourage you to share this important information with your parents/families.

Thank you,

Martha Burke O'Brien, APRN Director of Health Center

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