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Background

The re-opening of the universities for final year students across the country amidst the COVID-19 pandemic requires a response strategy by every institution welcoming students back. The School of Medicine, University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) has put together this protocol to provide guidance on the management of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 on campus.

OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

COVID-19 Faculty Response Team (All junior & senior members, and staff)

Members of the Faculty Response Team should be contacted for any suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 involving a junior member (student), senior member, or any other staff of UHAS. Individual faculty members and their contacts will be designated for this purpose.

The following are members of the COVID-19 Response Team:

1. Pro-Vice Chancellor
2. Registrar
3. Professor Harry Tagbor (Team Lead)
4. Professor Yaw Asante Awuku
5. Dr. Eugene Dordoye
6. Dr. Emily Boakye-Yiadom
7. Dr. Gifty Dufie Ampofo
8. Dr. Davidson Iroko
9. Dr. Kwabena Duedu
10. Mrs. Maria Gwira
11. Mrs. Victoria Quartson

Dr. Davidson Iroko (0503838996), Dr. Emily Boakye-Yiadom (0206300268) and Professor Asante Awuku (0244801815) may be contacted when necessary.

COVID-19 Student Response Team (All junior members/students)

To facilitate identification and communication, the Student Response Team will be programme-based and composed of class presidents of all levels of individual academic programmes of UHAS. Each class level will have a representative on the team. So, apart from School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy that will each have six-member teams, all other programmes will have four-member teams. The teams will receive training on the approved national COVID-19 protocols. Student Response Team should follow-up on any suspected or reported cases, and should report those cases to the Faculty Response Team for action.

RESPONSE TO ANY SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASES

Students/junior members

- Inform your class representative (who is trained on the UHAS response plan)
- Class representative then informs Dr. Davidson Iroko or Dr. Emily Boakye-Yiadom or Prof. Asante Awuku
- Student and Faculty Response Teams collaborate to arrange for isolation and testing of the suspected COVID-19 case

Senior members

- Inform Dr. Davidson Iroko, Dr. Emily Boakye-Yiadom or Prof. Asante Awuku directly
- The Faculty Response Team will then arrange for isolation and testing of the suspected COVID-19 case

Staff

- Inform Mrs. Victoria Quartson directly or through respective School Officers
- She then informs Dr. Davidson Iroko or Dr. Emily Boakye-Yiadom or Prof. Asante Awuku
- The Faculty Response Team will then arrange for isolation and testing of the suspected COVID-19 case

Faculty Response Team meetings

- These meetings will be necessary for feedback as well as education for the response team
- Biweekly virtual meetings to be chaired by the Pro-VC
- Will involve Faculty Response Team only
- Physical meetings in special cases (under the instructions of the Pro-VC)

Student Response Team meetings

- These meetings will be necessary for feedback as well as education for the response team
- Weekly virtual meetings to be chaired by team lead (Prof. Harry Tagbor)
- Will involve Student and Faculty Response Teams
- Physical meetings in special cases (under the instructions of team lead)

UHAS COVID-19 quarantine facility

The Faculty Response Team will liaise with the Pro-Vice Chancellor and Registrar to identify a suitable accommodation on UHAS campus for the isolation of suspected cases of COVID-19. Any suspected case (junior and senior members and staff) will be held in this isolation unit until the test result is ready. For senior members and staff with suitable residential accommodation, an arrangement can be made for self-isolation in the home environment. These decisions will be made case-by-case.

Confirmed COVID-19 case (Positive SARS-COV-2 test)

All confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be sent to the treatment center under the management of Ho Teaching Hospital/UHAS.

Contact tracing

The Response Team will compile and keep a record of all possible contacts of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Dissemination of information

The Directorate of Public Affairs will be responsible for dissemination of relevant information to the UHAS community via any appropriate means including expert presentations on COVID-19.

Reporting and feedback

The Directorate of Public Affairs will coordinate this necessary step by using appropriate means to discuss response activities, improve the processes, update protocol when necessary and facilitate public engagement.

UHAS COVID-19 Helpline

- Dr. Davidson Iroko – 0503838996
- Dr. Emily Boakye-Yiadom – 0206300268
- Professor Asante Awuku – 0244801815