2. SCOPE

This plan applies to all personnel, buildings, and grounds either owned, operated or under the control of USM. It may, by necessity, include peripheral areas immediately adjacent to or adjoining University properties. This plan, in whole or in part, will be activated for any public health emergency affecting the University community regardless of whether other sections of the EOP are activated.

The USM infectious disease emergency response plan is designed to counter problems likely to be experienced on university properties during a significant public health emergency. A public health emergency

emergency. Student Health Services will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining appropriate emergency medical equipment and supplies in a state of readiness in anticipation of an epidemic or pandemic.

C. Vaccines

During a public health emergency, the Executive Director of Student Health Services will maintain contact with the Mississippi State Department of Health to assist in the coordination and distribution of available vaccines. The University Police Department will provide assistance in the transportation, distribution, and safekeeping of any vaccines when required. Staff that are in contact with infected or potentially infected individuals on campus and all key campus emergency management staff will receive vaccinations.

D. Closed Point of Dispensing (POD)

The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is a national supply of medications and medical supplies to be used for emergency situations such as a bioterrorism attack, disease outbreak, or natural disaster. Within 12 to 24 hours, the CDC will deploy a large shipment from the SNS known as a 'push-pack,' anywhere in the United States or its territories, to supplement and re-supply state and local health and medical resources. The University of Southern Mississippi is a CLOSED Point of Dispensing (POD) site under the direction of the Executive Director of Student Health Services. The Executive Director of SHS works with the Mississippi Department of Health in the event of a bioterrorism attack, disease outbreak or natural disaster to provide emergency medications to the entire University population. The USM CLOSED POD site will have medical personnel available who can legally dispense medications per Mississippi pergula(thicoms)Lald6 Tdl (Al)1Sa(n (y ent)2 (i)6 (Tc 710P1S)1t4)(i)

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closure. Also, have all units	courses that can be continued	agencies about the closure
make a plan for maintaining	through alternate delivery	and tentative re-opening
animals, materials, and	modes, that they may continue	dates.
equipment during a closure	to engage students and	
of the University.	complete the course, if possible.	

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Stage 3 – Marked escalation of human-to- human transmission with many confirmed cases on a USM campus & surrounding areas now impeding University operations. Pandemic or SNS/POD site activation by CDC / MSDH.							
	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3				
Incident Response Team	1. Team should consist of but not limited to the Provost, VPSA, Vice Provost for Gulf Park Campus, Executive Director of Student Health Services (SHS), Executive Director of Residence Life, Chief of Police, AVP / DOS, AVP for SA, Chief Communications Officer, & AVP of Human Resources.	Maintain contact and coordination among the Incident Response Team.	Maintain contact and coordination among the Incident Response Team.				

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personnel.	
15. Common areas, bathroom,	
and examination rooms will	
be disinfected twice a day.	
16. Protocol for laboratory testing	
as set up by the State Board	
of Health will be followed.	
17. Discontinue all medical	
procedures which may cause	
droplet transmission (such as	
throat swab taking, and	
spirometry).	
18. Arrange ambulance transfer	
for patients suspected of	
have serious symptoms of	
the infectious disease.	
19. Full Personal Protective	
Equipment with goggles,	
gown and masks for all	
medical, laboratory/x-ray,	
and nursing staff if indicated.	
20. Arrange continuation of basic	
medical service at SHS on	
long holidays.	

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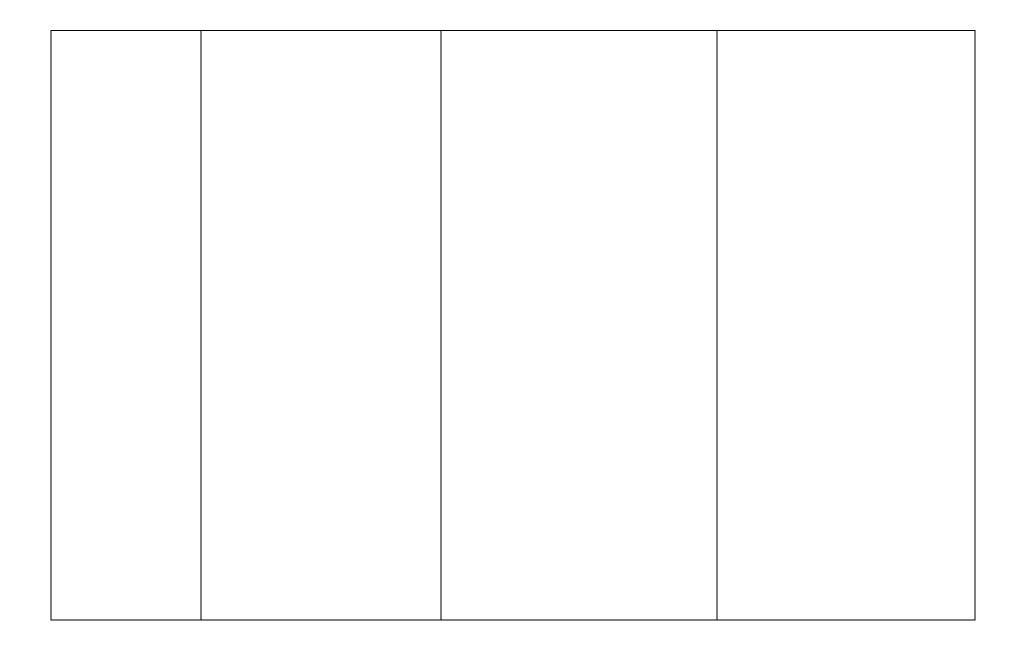
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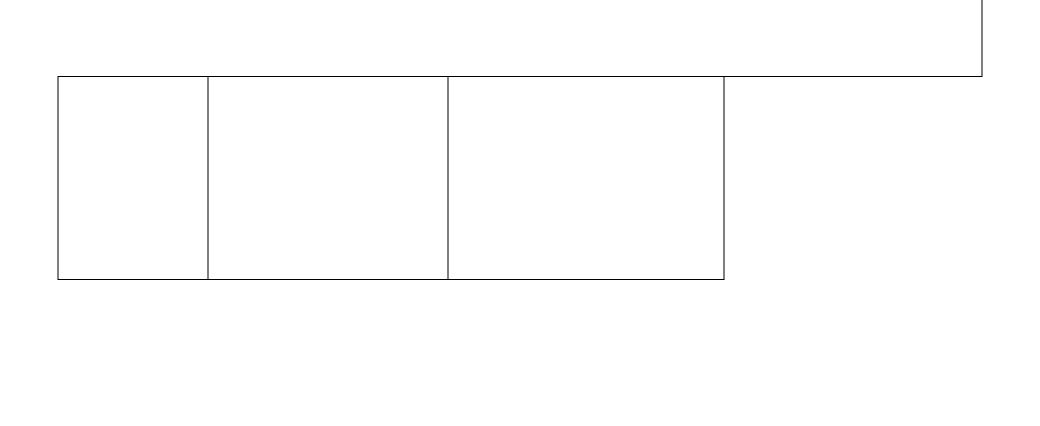
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	 Draft internal and external 		
Communications			

Stage 1 –					

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quarantine of students		
by:		
i. Identifying potential		
rooms and/or		
buildings to be used		
for quarantined		
students. Update by		
semester based on		
current occupancy.		
ii. Notifying current		
occupants in		
spaces that will be		
needed of the		
potential or need for		
them to temporarily		
move from initial		
housing		
assignment. There		
will be no change in		
housing rate if non-		
infected roommate		
of ill student moves		
to a higher priced		
housing area.		
4. Common areas and		
community bathrooms		
will be disinfected twice		
a day.		
5. If resident of campus		
housing self isolates or is		
quarantined in place,		
private bathroom will be		

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surrounding area		ons. Pandemic or SNS/POD site activation	1
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Human Resources	 Identify essential personnel. Identify personnel available for telephone support work. AVP of HR or designee will be a member of the Incident Response Team 	1. Same as Stage 1.	1. Same as Stage 1.
International Programs	 Incident Response Team. Maintain an updated list of international students and visiting scholars. (HR should maintain an updated list of international faculty and staff.) Keep international community and University Command Post updated on ongoing developments and advisories, including but not limited to issues relating to travel and medical. Develop critical supplies, including gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, Lysol spray or other approved 	 Assist international students with arrangements for food, water, and medicine, to include office assistance as well as help from the international student community. Affected students should not embark on any international travel. Assist international students with communicating with family members in home country. Assist Housing and Health Clinic with making oncampus arrangements for sick students. 	OIP staff volunteers to assist as needed to implement University-wide pandemic plan.

disinfectant, along with water and non- perishable foods for staff working with ill students. 4. Work closely with Residence Life to develop a plan for international students since they cannot generally go home.	5. In event of campus closure, assist international students with seeking off-campus housing arrangements with friends and family members residing in the immediate area or in other regions of the US.	
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Stage 1 –			

campus housing residents		
to limit illness exposure of		
healthy students in		
campus dining units.		
Residence Life to fill		
Standard Illness Food		
needed.		
	to limit illness exposure of healthy students in campus dining units. 4. Work with Housing & Residence Life to fill Standard Illness Food Package(s)/SIFP as	to limit illness exposure of healthy students in campus dining units. 4. Work with Housing & Residence Life to fill Standard Illness Food Package(s)/SIFP as

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Physical Plant	 Identify building ventilations systems. Determine if staff can assist other areas on campus. Enlist volunteers to help if needed. 	Same as Stage 1. Develop signage for buildings as specified by the Office of Communications.	Stand by to shut off utilities as directed by Incident Commander, if necessary.
Parking Management	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Clear designated parking lots for medical staging area.