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**UCSF Guidelines for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
UPDATE: May 5, 2004**

This update on SARS supplements the UCSF Workplace Guidelines for SARS, originally issued April 8, 2003. At the present time there have been no suspected or confirmed cases of SARS in California, the US or countries outside of China. The following information has been released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

"As of April 30th, the Chinese Ministry of Health reported one new possible SARS case in Beijing on April 28, bringing the total to nine possible cases. This new possible case-patient was known to have been in close contact with one of the Beijing patients under medical care for possible SARS. To date, all diagnosed cases and cases under investigation have been linked to chains of transmission involving close personal contact with an identified case. There is no evidence of wider transmission in the community." <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/situation.htm>
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/han/beijing22apr2004.htm>

If you have symptoms or questions regarding SARS, contact the appropriate UCSF authority before returning to the UCSF community. These are: (1) Communicable Disease Prevention Program for campus personnel; (2) Student Health Services, for students; and (3) Employee Health Services for UCSF Medical Center personnel. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Hotline is: (888)-246-2675. The California Department of Health Services Hotline is: (800) 550-5234 for Spanish and English and (800) 750-2858 for Chinese and Vietnamese. The CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars> should be consulted for further information.

Commencement exercises

You may have Commencement guests coming from "SARS affected areas," such as China. If guests develop a fever or symptoms consistent with acute respiratory infection, please contact the appropriate campus health care official listed in the Contact Information section for further guidance.

Travel Recommendations and Self-Assessment

Currently, no travel advisories have been issued by the World Health Organization (WHO) or the CDC regarding travel to "SARS affected areas." Travel advisories are available at the CDC website at: http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/travel_advice.htm. Students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors arriving from SARS affected areas may receive a Health Alert Notice for International Travelers upon arrival in the U.S. and should follow its guidelines.

Persons returning from affected areas are advised to be aware of SARS symptoms. No check in is required at this point in time. However, persons returning from affected areas who are concerned about symptoms should contact the appropriate campus health care official listed at the end of this advisory. These guidelines can be found on the CDP web site: <http://cdp.ucsf.edu/>.

Health Care Providers

CDC recommends that "U.S. physicians maintain a greater index of suspicion for SARS in patients 1) who require hospitalization for radiographically confirmed pneumonia or acute

respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) AND 2) who have a history of travel to mainland China (or close contact with an ill person with a history of recent travel to mainland China) in the 10 days before onset of symptoms." When such patients are identified the following actions should be taken:

- Patients should immediately be placed in appropriate isolation precautions for SARS (i.e., contact and airborne precautions along with eye protection).
- UCSF Infection Control (476-5793) should be notified.
- Patients should be reported to the San Francisco Health Department.
- Patients should be tested for evidence of SARS-CoV infection as part of the diagnostic evaluation.

The UCSF workplace guidelines and Infection Control precautions can be found at:
http://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/SARS_Links_and_Info/sars_links_and_info.html.

Contact Information For Designated Campus Health Care Officials

The designated campus health care officials are:

Medical Center Employees: Triage Nurse, Employee Health 415 885-7580

Campus faculty and employees or Campus faculty with students who meet SARS criteria:
Communicable Disease Prevention Program 415-514-3861 cdp@cdp.ucsf.edu

Students: Student Health Services 415-476-1281

Medical Center and Campus managers with staff who meet SARS criteria:
Labor and Employee Relations Analyst 415-476-3905 (for campus) or 415-353-4689 (for medical center).