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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 regulations.

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	closure. Also, have all units make a plan for maintaining animals, materials, and equipment during a closure of the University.	courses that can be continued through alternate delivery modes, that they may continue to engage students and complete the course, if possible.	agencies about the closure and tentative re-opening dates.
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Incident Response Team	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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, &amp; AVP of Human Resources.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain contact and coordination among the Incident Response Team.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain contact and coordination among the Incident Response Team.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Maintain and observe infection control measures.</li> <li>8. Adopt a triage system for patients with fever (encourage phone or e-mail for all patients) have them go to appropriate clinic.</li> <li>9. Maintain a running record of patients seen with signs/symptoms of the infectious disease for assessing the trend and additional testing.</li> <li>10. Monitor any outbreaks of respiratory infection on campus.</li> <li>11. Influenza vaccination for high risk groups or all members of the University who wish to be vaccinated.</li> <li>12. Talks on infectious disease outbreak.</li> <li>13. Awareness and Preventive Measures to students and staff groups.</li> <li>14. All units and departments will report sick employees who take leave to HR. All of those with febrile illness will be reported to SHS. Telephone monitoring until employee well will be done by SHS</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. See that information is disseminated to staff and students regarding need for infection control.</li> <li>9. Use phone and e-mail to assist with triage.</li> </ol>	
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	<p>personnel.</p> <p>15. Common areas, bathroom, and examination rooms will be disinfected twice a day.</p> <p>16. Protocol for laboratory testing as set up by the State Board of Health will be followed.</p> <p>17. Discontinue all medical procedures which may cause droplet transmission (such as throat swab taking, and spirometry).</p> <p>18. Arrange ambulance transfer for patients suspected of have serious symptoms of the infectious disease.</p> <p>19. Full Personal Protective Equipment with goggles, gown and masks for all medical, laboratory/x-ray, and nursing staff if indicated.</p> <p>20. Arrange continuation of basic medical service at SHS on long holidays.</p>		
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Communications	1. Draft internal and external		

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	<p>quarantine of students by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Identifying potential rooms and/or buildings to be used for quarantined students. Update by semester based on current occupancy.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Common areas and community bathrooms will be disinfected twice a day.</li> <li>5. If resident of campus housing self isolates or is quarantined in place, private bathroom will be</li> </ol>		
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Human Resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify essential personnel.</li> <li>2. Identify personnel available for telephone support work.</li> <li>3. AVP of HR or designee will be a member of the Incident Response Team.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Same as Stage 1.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Same as Stage 1.</li> </ol>
International Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain an updated list of international students and visiting scholars. (HR should maintain an updated list of international faculty and staff.)</li> <li>2. Keep international community and University Command Post updated on ongoing developments and advisories, including but not limited to issues relating to travel and medical.</li> <li>3. Develop critical supplies, including gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, Lysol spray or other approved</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assist international students with arrangements for food, water, and medicine, to include office assistance as well as help from the international student community.</li> <li>2. Affected students should not embark on any international travel.</li> <li>3. Assist international students with communicating with family members in home country.</li> <li>4. Assist Housing and Health Clinic with making on-campus arrangements for sick students.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. OIP staff volunteers to assist as needed to implement University-wide pandemic plan.</li> </ol>

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	<p>disinfectant, along with water and non-perishable foods for staff working with ill students.</p> <p>4. Work closely with Residence Life to develop a plan for international students since they cannot generally go home.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
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	campus housing residents 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 needed.		
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Physical Plant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify building ventilations systems.</li> <li>2. Determine if staff can assist other areas on campus. Enlist volunteers to help if needed.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Same as Stage 1.</li> <li>2. Develop signage for buildings as specified by the Office of Communications.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stand by to shut off utilities as directed by Incident Commander, if necessary.</li> </ol>
Parking Management	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clear designated parking lots for medical staging area.</li> </ol>

