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Water leak shuts down RecWell's women's locker room

By MADELYN DURKEE
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Jan. 31, the Recreation and Wellness Center on the Mount Carmel Campus was shut down due to a water leak caused by a faulty sprinkler head.

"The University was alerted to a fire alarm going off in RWA," Keith Woodward, associate vice president for facilities operations, wrote in an email to The Chronicle. "Water was coming into RWA-213. Facilities and Public Safety acted quickly and our staff were able to shut off the water to the fire sprinkler head that had let loose and then we connected with our local contractor to put a new sprinkler head in place."

The fire alarm went off at approximately 10 a.m. Students and staff inside the building at the time were evacuated, and the building was fully closed within the hour. An email was sent to students notifying them of the closure.

"Public Safety and Facilities acted quickly and within 2 hours on Saturday the RecWell was back open after the initial sprinkler fail," David Hall, director of Recreation and Wellness, wrote in an email to The Chronicle.

An update email was sent to students informing them that the RecWell facilities had been reopened but advised that the women's locker room would be closed until further notice.



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The women's locker room in the Recreation and Wellness Center closed after a fire sprinkler flooded a part of it, forcing students to keep their belongings outside.

The water leak in RWA-213 — the women's locker room — forced its closure for an extended period of time. Some students who entered the gym after the building reopened were inconvenienced because they were unable to use the locker room. Unable to use the lockers to store their belongings, students left their things in the hallway outside the locker room instead.

"The women's locker room was reopened within 24 hours, although patrons had access to bathroom stalls even prior to that," Hall wrote.

No additional email was sent to notify students that the locker room had reopened. A new sprinkler head was installed and no further issues have been reported.

Norovirus outbreak plagues Quinnipiac residence hall

By NATHAN ROJAS
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Shortly after returning from winter break, Quinnipiac University students reported a Norovirus outbreak in The Ledges Residence Hall.

"After cases of the 'stomach flu' were reported last week among residents of Ledges Residence Hall, the university's medical director wrote to the students living in The Ledges to offer guidance on symptoms, prevention and when to seek medical care," John Morgan, associate vice president for public relations, wrote.

Norovirus, more commonly known as the "stomach flu," is a highly contagious virus. Symptoms include diarrhea, vomiting or nausea, fever and chills, stomach cramps, fatigue, headache and muscle cramps.

Symptoms can take approximately 1-3 days to appear, health experts say. They also recommend staying hydrated if sick and to avoid greasy, spicy or sugary foods, in addition to alcohol.

Health experts say that the settings created by dorms, and other such small spaces, create the ideal environment for highly contagious diseases, like the norovirus, to spread. They recommend washing hands and wiping down surfaces to help prevent the spread of the disease.

While The Ledges' residents were officially notified of the outbreak, much of the Quinnipiac community was unaware.

Aside from a "Tips for Respiratory Season" email from Hartford Healthcare, sent prior to the outbreak, there was no further communication to the rest of the Quinnipiac community.

Many students and professors found out by word of mouth, social media posts and coverage from local news outlets.

"Quinnipiac should have done a better job of sending something out. We get alerts when bobcats are on campus, but not when there's a pretty major illness breaking out," Jack Ouligian, first-year sports communication major, said.

This lack of communication makes it difficult for students to properly protect themselves against the spread of the disease, resulting in a larger outbreak, as they are not made aware of the symptoms or necessary precautions against the illness.

Some students find the outbreak concerning, given the close-quarters nature of college living and the rate at which it spreads, Angelica Tsihlis, sophomore biomedical marketing major, noted.

However, other students find that, given the time of year and that it is flu-season, that such outbreaks are common and not out of the ordinary.

"It's a pretty normal thing that happens around college campuses. You can't really avoid it," Grace Pannuto, first-year applied business major, said.

Students have been taking a variety of precautions to remain healthy. Several students, such as The Ledges residents like Pannuto, have been cleaning spaces more frequently.

Others have been avoiding the residence hall altogether, to reduce the chance of getting sick.



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Several students in the first-year residence hall, The Ledges, caught the Norovirus during an outbreak.