



PREVENTATIVE MEASURES & RESPONSE GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATIVE LIVING

Effective February 16, 2021

SSF will continue to evaluate the circumstances and reserves the right to make changes at any time.

Based on SSF's experience in Fall 2020 and the evolution of evidence-based guidance provided by the CDC and public health agencies, SSF's guidelines for Spring 2021 are outlined below.

The nature of cooperative living demands that everyone has a role in helping reduce the risk to their housemates and themselves.

MOVING IN, OR RETURNING TO, YOUR SCHOLARSHIP HOUSE

If you have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within 10 days of your planned move to your house, please contact your Director of Student Affairs. In this case you will need to quarantine away from SSF before moving into your house. This applies to new residents and residents returning from break.

LIVING IN THE SCHOLARSHIP HOUSES

Follow [CDC guidelines](#) for cleaning, washing hands, face coverings and physical distancing.

Face coverings are required within the common shared areas of the house (kitchen, living room, dining room, study room, laundry room, and hallways) until further notice. Face coverings are not required in your own bedroom and bathroom. Face coverings must cover your mouth and nose.

Face coverings may be removed while eating if social distancing is observed. Failure to comply will result in a strike on the resident tier system. Please review the SSF Resident Handbook for details.

No guests are allowed in SSF Houses until further notice except for other SSF residents and during move in/move out (mask required), unless otherwise instructed by your Director of Student Affairs.

Work jobs will be adapted for additional considerations for shared living as recommended by the CDC [here](#), including guidelines for kitchen, dining room, laundry, and bathrooms.

If you need maintenance, contact your Director of Maintenance. They are not making routine visits inside houses until contacted about issues.

Follow the guidance of your local officials and institutions for public interactions.



GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 POSITIVE RESIDENTS & EXPOSED HOUSEMATES

If an SSF resident tests positive for COVID-19, SSF will take all steps necessary to isolate the individual and provide for their care and well-being, along with the well-being of all house residents. SSF will abide by CDC guidelines in effect at the time of the incident.

Notes: Per CDC guidelines, **isolation ends after 10 days** presuming the conditions listed below are met. **Quarantine** for people potentially exposed **ends 7 or 10 days after exposure**.

For the Resident Who Tested Positive

SSF will provide the resident who tests positive with an individual recovery room. That resident cannot leave the bedroom or designated bathroom area during the recovery time.

If you experienced COVID-related symptoms, you can leave the recovery room and enter your house's common areas after 10 days if you meet these CDC-defined criteria:

- I. 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
- II. 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- III. Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving. (*Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.*)

If you were asymptomatic, you can leave the recovery room 10 days after the positive test.

In all cases:

- Food will be brought to the resident by housemates.
- The resident who tests positive may choose to isolate and recover outside SSF.
 - SSF will not provide any additional support if resident chooses to isolate at another location.
 - The resident who leaves must meet all criteria above.



Quarantine When a Resident in Your House Tests Positive

Per CDC guidelines, you do NOT need to quarantine if:

- I. You tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days and recovered as long as you do not develop new symptoms, OR
- II. You have been fully vaccinated against the disease within the last three months and you do not develop new symptoms.

Documentation will be required for either, and you must still follow all precautions while in the house, including masking, hand washing, and distancing.

You MUST quarantine if you do NOT meet I. or II. above.

Every other resident must follow the instructions below for the quarantine period.

- Residents within the house will be under quarantine for 7 to 10 days as outlined in [CDC guidelines](#), regardless of whether the resident who tested positive recovers at SSF or another location.
- Quarantine can end after 7 days IF ALL RESIDENTS GET TESTED AND ALL TEST RESULTS ARE NEGATIVE. The testing must be done in days 5-6 of quarantine. Quarantine will end after 10 days if no one exhibits symptoms AND at least one house resident did not get tested. Exceptions to testing are the same as those who are excepted from quarantining:
 - A resident who tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days and recovered and not develop new symptoms does not need to retest.
 - A resident who has been fully vaccinated within the last three months does not need to retest.
- If a resident who did not test positive leaves during quarantine:
 - They are required to submit a documented negative test result to their Director of Student Affairs prior to re-entering their house.
 - They can only re-enter after the quarantine period ends.
 - They are responsible for having their work job, cook crew/clean crew, and/or officer duties covered during their absence. Missed obligations will result in a strike on the resident tier system.
 - Food & service funds cannot be refunded since the house costs will continue even in their absence.

SSF will thoroughly sanitize the house after quarantine.

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