



## **VACCINATION, PREVENTATIVE MEASURES, & RESPONSE GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATIVE LIVING**

**Effective September 24, 2021**

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

As of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 any person in the State of Florida aged 16 years old or older is eligible to receive a vaccine for COVID-19.

Southern Scholarship Foundation strongly urges every resident to seek a vaccination. Vaccinations are available at no cost, and at a wide range of locations statewide.

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

Based on SSF's experience during the pandemic, the evolution of evidence-based guidance provided by the CDC and public health agencies, and form of cooperative living at SSF, SSF's guidelines are outlined below.

### **MOVING IN, OR RETURNING TO, YOUR SCHOLARSHIP HOUSE**

**If you have been exposed** to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and you are unvaccinated 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 returning residents.

### **VACCINATIONS & FACE COVERINGS**

SSF strongly urges every resident to become vaccinated.

If vaccinated, documentation of vaccination status needs to be emailed to your Director of Student Affairs **immediately**. Documentation is used to determine the level of COVID mitigation strategies applicable to each house. Vaccination status is not a determinant of scholarship eligibility.

If you are experiencing COVID-like symptoms you are required to get tested, regardless of vaccination status.

All residents must wear face coverings in all non-residential SSF facilities (The Teresa Turner Learning Center, The North Florida Office, and the North Florida Study Hall).



## **LIVING IN THE SCHOLARSHIP HOUSES**

Any house with 80.0% or more of residents vaccinated are exempt from numbers 1 -6 below. Those houses will be able to host guests from other SSF Houses, as well as guests from outside SSF. Houses at this level can decide on any COVID mitigation restrictions for their residents.

Houses with 79.9% or less of residents vaccinated will be required to abide by pandemic control measures 1 through 6, below.

1. All residents, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a face covering in common areas of the house.
2. Follow [CDC guidelines](#) for cleaning, washing hands, face coverings and physical distancing.
3. No guests can visit, except for other SSF residents and during move in/move out, unless otherwise instructed by your Director of Student Affairs. SSF reserves the right to further limit guests from other SSF houses.
4. 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.
5. If you need maintenance, contact your Director of Maintenance. They will not make routine visits inside houses with 79.9% or less residents vaccinated until contacted about issues.
6. Failure to comply will result in a strike on the resident tier system. Please review the SSF Resident Handbook for details.

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

### **GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 POSITIVE RESIDENTS & EXPOSED HOUSEMATES**

Any resident, vaccinated or not vaccinated, who tests positive for COVID-19 must find accommodations away from Southern Scholarship Foundation unless there is space in the house for isolated recovery. If there is no space in the house to isolate and recover, SSF cannot provide any additional support for the resident at another location. Food & service funds cannot be refunded since the house costs will continue even in their absence. The resident may return after 10 days after meeting CDC-defined guidelines.

### **For the Resident Who Tested Positive**

In limited instances there may be space in the house for the resident who tested positive to isolate and recover. If this applies, the resident may remain in the house for the full recovery



period. The resident will be responsible to clean bathroom areas (i.e. faucets, handles, knobs, etc.) immediately after each use. SSF will provide disinfectant wipes for this purpose.

If you experienced COVID-related symptoms, you may return to your house if:

- I. 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, **and**
- II. 24 hours have passed 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 may return to the house 10 days after the positive test.

### **When a Resident in Your House Tests Positive**

Unvaccinated residents of a house where a housemate tested positive must quarantine **for 7 to 10 days**. *Per CDC guidelines, you do NOT need to quarantine if:*

- I. You tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days [or current period as directed by CDC guidance] 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 [or current period as directed by CDC guidance] and you do not develop symptoms.

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

*All residents, regardless of vaccination status and regardless of the percentage of fully vaccinated residents, must follow the instructions below during the quarantine period.*

- All residents, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a face covering in common areas of the house.
- All residents of a house under quarantine may not visit other SSF houses, regardless of their individual vaccination status.
- No outside guests, including SSF residents, may enter the house if it is quarantine period.
- Quarantine can end after 7 days if all residents, regardless of vaccination status, 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. A resident who tested positive for



COVID-19 within the past 90 days [or current period as directed by CDC guidance] and recovered and not develop new symptoms does not need to retest.

### **Leaving During Quarantine**

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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