



MONKEYPOX VACCINATION, PREVENTATIVE MEASURES & RESPONSE GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATIVE LIVING

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

Monkeypox is a growing concern among college-age students. SSF's response is based on guidelines from the U.S. Center for Disease Control for Congregate Living¹.

The nature of cooperative living demands that everyone is responsible to help reduce the risk to their housemates and themselves. Abiding by these guidelines will help reduce the risk of infecting others within SSF.

If information in these policies conflict with updated guidance issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the updated guidance shall prevail.

MOVING IN, OR RETURNING TO, YOUR SCHOLARSHIP HOUSE

If a resident has an active case of monkeypox within 5 days of your planned move to your house, please contact your Director of Student Affairs. In this case, you will need to recover away from SSF before moving into your house. This applies to new residents and returning residents. Prior to returning, you must confirm to your Director of Student Affairs that you are eligible to return. Full healing of the rash with formation of a fresh layer of skin is considered eligibility to return or move in.

PREVENTION

Avoid close, skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox.

Avoid contact with objects and materials that a person with monkeypox has used. Do not share eating utensils or cups with a person with monkeypox. Do not handle or touch the bedding, towels, or clothing of a person with monkeypox.

Wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially before eating or touching your face and after you use the bathroom.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/specific-settings/congregate.html>



VACCINATIONS

CDC recommends vaccination for people who have been exposed to monkeypox and people who may be more likely to get monkeypox. People more likely to get monkeypox include: people who have been identified by public health officials as a contact of someone with monkeypox; people who are aware that one of their sexual partners in the past 2 weeks has been diagnosed with monkeypox; and people who had multiple sexual partners in the past 2 weeks in an area with known monkeypox. SSF does not require monkeypox vaccinations.

FACE COVERINGS

Residents with active cases of monkeypox must use a face covering while around other residents.

SCHOLARSHIP HOUSE RESIDENTS' GUESTS

Guests are permitted to visit SSF's scholarship houses if there is a resident with an active case of monkeypox. Guests should be informed if a resident is known to have an active case of monkeypox.

GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTS WITH MONKEYPOX

A resident who has a confirmed case of monkeypox, or who displays symptoms similar to monkeypox, will be allowed to remain in the scholarship house and in their assigned room, a vacant room (if available), or may choose to recover outside SSF. A resident who remains in their house will be required to use a face covering until deemed to be fully recovered.

A resident with a confirmed case of monkeypox should also contact their respective institution's Health Services or Student Services office.

Residents with an active case of monkeypox, or similar symptoms, will be excused from work jobs, clean crew, and cook crew. However, they are responsible for finding someone to cover their responsibilities. Residents may attend house meetings via Zoom while recovering.

Any resident who recovers outside of SSF must notify their roommate, HM, and Director of Student Affairs before returning. Full healing of the rash with formation of a fresh layer of skin is considered fully recovered.

Leaving your Room: Wear disposal gloves and fully cover all lesions (long-sleeved shirts and long pants to the ankles) when leaving your room. Wear a well-fitting mask. Minimize interactions with other residents and use social distancing when doing so.



Kitchen: Wear disposable gloves when practical. Disinfect surfaces (counters, faucets, appliances, handles, etc.) after each use if not wearing gloves. Store personal utensils in your room.

Bathroom: Wear disposable gloves when practical. Disinfect surfaces (counters, toilet seats, faucets, shower, etc.) after each use if not wearing gloves. Do not share towels, washcloths, or objects in the bathroom.

Laundry: Gather contaminated clothing and linens before anything else in the room is cleaned. Do not shake the linens as this could spread infectious particles. Wash laundry in a standard washing machine with detergent, following label instructions. Laundry sanitizers may be used but are not necessary.

Leaving the house: Perform limited daily activities (i.e. attending class) outside the house with all lesions fully covered and wearing a well-fitting mask. Walk, bike, or drive by yourself if you need to leave. Avoid public transit. Disinfect any shared vehicles.

Study Areas: Avoid the use of your house's study room (if applicable), North Florida Study Hall, or Central Florida Learning Center.

General waste: The person with monkeypox should use a dedicated, lined trash can in the room where they are isolating. Collect and contain in a sealed bag any soiled waste such as bandages, paper towels, food packaging, and other general trash items.

Any gloves, bandages, or other waste and disposable items that have been in direct contact with skin should be placed in a sealed plastic bag, then thrown away in the dedicated trash can.

The person with monkeypox should use gloves when removing garbage bags and handling and disposing of trash.

GUIDELINES FOR ROOMMATES AND HOUSEMATES

Monkeypox is known to be transmitted primarily through direct skin to skin contact with an infected individual. Research is ongoing in regards to other potential methods of spread. Risk of exposure can be assessed with [this tool](#) from the CDC. Residents are encouraged to read the risk factors and take appropriate steps based on the risk level.

Roommates and housemates are not required to provide any additional transportation for a resident with an active case of monkeypox.