

MONKEYPOX POLICY

Hampton University's highest priority is the health and safety of the students as well as the surrounding community. Monkeypox is a disease caused by a virus (monkeypox virus). In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and Hampton University guidance, the following will be effective immediately.

Any enrolled student with suspected or confirmed Monkeypox, must:

1. Monitor your health and seek medical care or evaluation immediately from the Health Center or a health Care provider.
2. Symptomatic students who have been in close contact or exposed to a person with Monkeypox must contact the Health Center immediately for guidance.
3. If you are on campus and you are too ill to come to the Health Center, you must call the Health Center at 757-727-5315 for assistance and provide your name, HUID number, residence hall room number and a contact number to reach you.
4. Students who are at an off-campus location and are suspected or confirmed for Monkeypox should notify the Health Center immediately via email healthcenter@hamptonu.edu with your name, HUID number and telephone number.
5. The Health Center staff will perform contact tracing for your previous 21 days of close contacts and activities for all on and off campus suspected or confirmed Monkey pox cases.
6. The Health Center staff will contact the local Health Department for guidance with your care, testing and isolation.
7. Students that live on or off campus with suspected or confirmed Monkeypox will be isolated from the campus in a single room on a designated floor/hall with designated a bath area at the Religious Studies Center. You should pack and bring a "Go Bag" for your Health Center appointment.
8. Students seen at the Health Center will be given an information handout regarding the Monkeypox virus.
9. Meals and transportation to and from RSC and back to campus will be provided. Students that have their own personal transportation and are well enough may transport themselves to RSC for isolation. Once the student is isolated at the RSC, they must remain at RSC for the duration of the isolation period and until they are cleared to return to the campus or their off campus residence. The isolated students may not leave the isolation facility at their own discretion. **Public transportation is not recommended.**
10. Students will have to isolate until all lesions have resolved, the scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of intact skin has formed. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks. Decisions regarding discontinuation of isolation precautions will be made in consultation with the local or state health department.
11. The Dean of Students will notify instructors that the student will be absent from class for a defined period of time. Students should also email their professors to inform of their absence.
12. Nurses can be reached at the Health Center during normal business hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 757-727-5315. Nurses are available on-call after hours/weekends and can be reached by calling the Hampton University Police Department at 757-727-5259.
13. A medical clearance letter will be provided once the student has been evaluated by the Health Center provider and cleared to return to the campus.