

**John Carroll University**  
**Student Monkeypox Response Policy and Procedures**

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**I. THE PURPOSES OF THIS JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY STUDENT MONKEYPOX RESPONSE POLICY AND PROCEDURES ("the Policy") ARE:**

1. Safeguard the health and welfare of students, faculty and staff.
2. Manage the operations of JCU in an effective and efficient manner.
3. Inform and advise the JCU community as needed based on the risk to the community.
4. Establish operating procedures appropriate to all constituents of JCU.

**II. OBJECTIVES:**

The objectives of the Policy are to:

1. Define the disease.
2. Identify reporting requirements.
3. Identify health care and testing responses and recommendations for students exhibiting symptoms of Monkeypox.
4. Identify individuals and groups with responsibilities should a Monkeypox outbreak occur.
5. Provide information about methods of self-protection for members of the campus community.

**III. POLICY AND PROCEDURES:**

**A. Procedure for Students with an Unidentifiable Rash**

It is the responsibility of John Carroll University (JCU) students to notify and immediately report to the Student Health Center any unidentifiable rash. In such a situation, the Student Health Center will consult with the student and other health care providers as needed to identify the rash and determine whether it is related to a Monkeypox infection.

**B. Procedure for Students who Have a Known Exposure to the Monkeypox Virus**

1. If a student believes they have been exposed to someone who is infected with monkeypox virus, the CDC recommends **monitoring their health for 3 weeks**, as the typical incubation period is 1-2 weeks, but it may take up to 3 weeks for symptoms to appear.

2. If a student has an unidentified rash, the student should contact the Student Health Center immediately for assistance with identifying the rash and so that appropriate precautions can be put in place if the rash is related to Monkeypox.
3. If a student needs help deciding whether they should get vaccinated, talk to a healthcare provider or contact your local health department. They can help determine if you should get vaccinated.

**B. Procedure for a Residential Student who tests positive or is being tested for monkeypox**

1. The student is required to wear a medical grade mask when around others.
2. The student will go to their permanent residence to isolate or isolate off-campus.
3. The student will keep the affected area(s) covered at all times.
4. The student will not share personal items and utensils (food, drink, toiletries) with others.
5. The student will not use community bathrooms while on University property.
6. The student will take their bedding, towels and clothing when leaving their residence hall.

**C. Procedures for Treating Students with Monkeypox Who Reside Off-campus**

1. If an off campus/commuter student tests positive or is being tested for monkeypox by the Student Health Center staff, or other medical agency/physician, the student will notify the Student Health Center and isolate off campus until directed by their health professional to return to campus, usually 3-4 weeks.
2. The student is required to wear a medical grade mask when around others.
3. The student will keep the affected area(s) covered at all times.
4. The student will not share utensils (food, drink, toiletries).

If there is an on-campus outbreak of monkeypox in a residence hall, the Director of the Student Health Center will notify the Community Health Response Task Force to determine next steps.

**V. DEFINITIONS:**

The following definitions pertain to this policy:

1. Monkeypox is a rare disease similar to smallpox caused by the monkeypox virus. It's a member of the family called orthopoxvirus. Monkeypox causes flu-like symptoms (fever/chills, headache, muscle aches, fatigue and swollen glands) including a rash that can take weeks to clear. The rash can be painful, with spots that change over time before scabbing and falling off.
2. The monkeypox virus is most often spread through direct contact with a rash or sores of a person or animal infected with the virus. It can also spread through contact with clothing, bedding, and other items used by a person with monkeypox, or from respiratory droplets that can be passed through prolonged face-to-face contact.



## VI. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. It is the responsibility of all students to report to the Student Health Center Director a positive monkeypox test, or if they are in the process of being tested for monkeypox from a health care provider.
2. It is the responsibility of Director of the Student Health Center to notify the certified and licensed public health officials (CCBH), external to the university, and to provide a confirmed monkeypox result or a suspected monkeypox diagnosis to the appropriate JCU office when a JCU student is known to have a confirmed or suspected monkeypox diagnosis.
3. The responsibility for coordination of the implementation of the monkeypox policy shall be shared among the following groups and all groups should work in concert with each other: Student Health Center, Dean of Students Office, Risk Management and Regulatory Affairs, Human Resources, Residence Life, Housekeeping, JCUPD, Strategic Communications, Facilities, and the Department of Athletics and Athletic Training.
4. When deemed appropriate by the Provost in conjunction with General Counsel, it is the responsibility of the Strategic Communications Department to publicly announce that an outbreak of a communicable disease has been confirmed, and to state the related facts that serve to inform and protect the university community.