

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee

In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams

August 19, 2022

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

C. Dan Adams, Chair

Alex English

Richard A. Jones Jr.

Leah B. Moody (online)

Molly M. Spearman (online)

John C. von Lehe Jr. (online)

Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Vice Chair*

C. Dorn Smith III, *Board Chair*

Other Trustees in attendance:

C. Edward Floyd

Brian C. Harlan

Toney J. Lister (online)

Hubert F. Mobley

E. Scott Moise

Emma W. Morris

Rose Buyck Newton

Mack I. Whittle Jr.

Charles H. Williams

Others in attendance:

Audrey Korsgaard, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair

Reedy Newton, USC Columbia Student Government President

Robin Roberts, Expert Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee

David Seaton, Expert Advisor to the Governance Committee

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President

Cameron Howell, University Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Donna Arnett, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Terry Parham, General Counsel
Ed Walton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Media in attendance:

Sydney Dunlap, the *Daily Gamecock*
Alexa Jurado, the *State*

Notice:

Chair Adams stated notice of the meeting and agenda had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated to the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Adams stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters related to hires with tenure, honorary academic titles, and a candidate for Dean of Libraries.

Mr. Jones made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. USC Columbia

A. Approval of Hires with Tenure

Provost Arnett presented new hires with tenure for approval.

1. Dr. Zhenmeng Peng, rank of Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing
2. Dr. Tao Wei, rank of Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computing

Mr. von Lehe made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia new hires with tenure as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the names would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

B. Approval of Honorary Academic Titles

Provost Arnett presented candidates for honorary academic titles for approval.

1. Dr. Brian C. Benicewicz, Chair Emeritus, SmartState Endowed Chair in Polymer Nanocomposites, College of Arts and Sciences, September 1, 2022
2. Dr. Thomas Leatherman, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, March 3, 2012
3. Dr. John H. McDermott, Professor Emeritus, Darla Moore School of Business, May 15, 2022
4. Dr. Kendall Roth, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Darla Moore School of Business, July 1, 2022
5. Dr. Robert M. Wilcox, Dean Emeritus, School of Law, July 2, 2022

Ms. Spearman made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia candidates for honorary academic titles as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the names would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

C. Annual Review of New Programs

Provost Arnett presented an annual review of new programs.

Chair Adams stated the report was received as information.

D. Approval of Program Modifications

Provost Arnett presented program modifications for approval.

1. B.S.E., Computer Engineering
2. B.S.C.S., Computer Science
3. B.S. Computer Information Systems
4. M.D., School of Medicine, Greenville

Mr. English made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia program modifications as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the program modifications would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

E. Approval of New Centers

Provost Arnett presented new centers for approval.

1. Center for Transition Research and Leadership
2. Perinatal, Pediatrics, & Family Research Center

Mr. Jones made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia new centers as presented and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Spearman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the new centers would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

F. Approval of New Academic Departments

Provost Arnett presented new academic departments for approval.

1. Department of Professional Nursing Practice
2. Department of Advanced Professional Nursing Practice and Leadership
3. Department of Biobehavioral Health & Nursing Science

Mr. English made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Columbia new academic departments as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the new academic departments would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

III. USC Aiken

A. Approval of Hires with Tenure

Chancellor Heimmermann presented new hires with tenure for approval.

1. Dr. Scott McKay, rank of Professor, Department of Chemistry, as the Dean of USC Aiken's College of Science and Engineering
2. Dr. Nancy D. Albers, rank of Professor, School of Business, as the Dean of Aiken's School of Business

Mr. Jones made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Aiken new hires with tenure as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the names would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

B. Approval of Revisions to the USC Aiken Faculty Manual

Chancellor Heimmermann presented changes to the USC Aiken Faculty Manual for approval.

Mr. von Lehe made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Aiken Faculty manual changes as presented and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Spearman seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the faculty manual changes would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

IV. USC Beaufort

– Approval of Hires with Tenure

Chancellor Panu presented new hires with tenure for approval.

1. Dr. Kimberly Kelly, rank of Professor, Library Science
2. Dr. Eva Smith, rank of Associate Professor, Hospitality Management
3. Dr. Richard Osbaldiston, rank of Professor, Psychology

Mr. Jones made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Beaufort new hires with tenure as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the names would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board during at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

V. USC Upstate

– Approval of Revisions to the USC Upstate Faculty Manual

Chancellor Harris presented changes to the USC Upstate Faculty Manual for approval.

Mr. Jones made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the USC Upstate Faculty manual changes as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the faculty manual changes would be included on this Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board at its meeting scheduled later in the day.

VI. Student/Community Health Forecast for Fall Semester

Interim Associate Vice President of Student Health and Well Being Jason Stacy presented a student/community health forecast for the fall semester. [AESEC 081922 OS VI]

Chair Adams stated the update was received as information.

VII. Other Matters

Chair Adams called for any other matters to come before the Committee. There were none.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary

STUDENT/COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATE FALL 2022

Jason J. Stacy, MD

Interim AVP of Student Health and Well-Being

August 19, 2022



HEALTH UPDATE

- Covid-19
 - Current situation
 - Testing data
 - Fall 2022 update
- Monkey Pox (MPox)
- Mental Health Updates

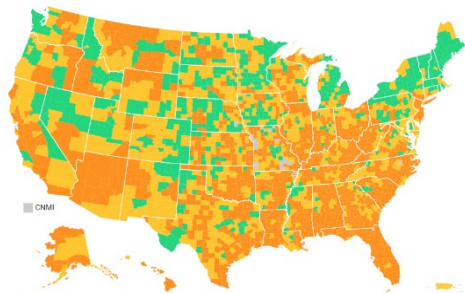


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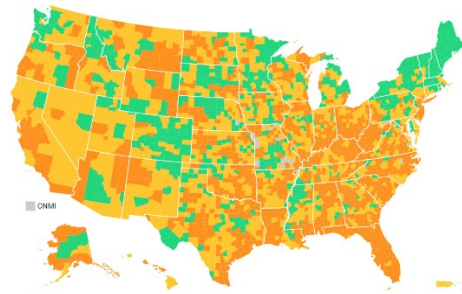
As of 8/15/22	Total Cases	14-Day Change	Total Deaths	14-Day Change
U.S.	92,927,104	-12.1%	1,037,021	+10.8%
Global	590,335,730	-13.3%	6,435,645	+8.3%

Weekly Metrics Used to Determine the COVID-19 Community Level

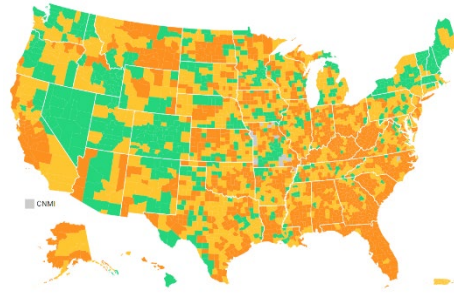
Case Rate per 100,000 population	458.68
New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population	17.4
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19	6%



August 1

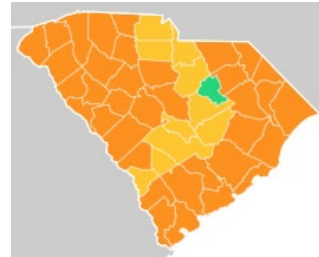
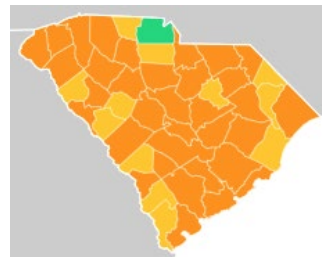
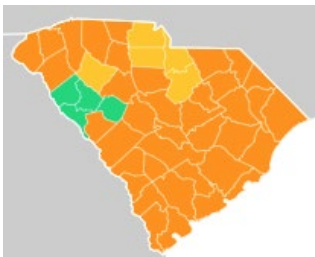


August 8



August 15

As of 8/6/22	Cases	Deaths
South Carolina	1,637,108	18,215
Richland County	117,391	949

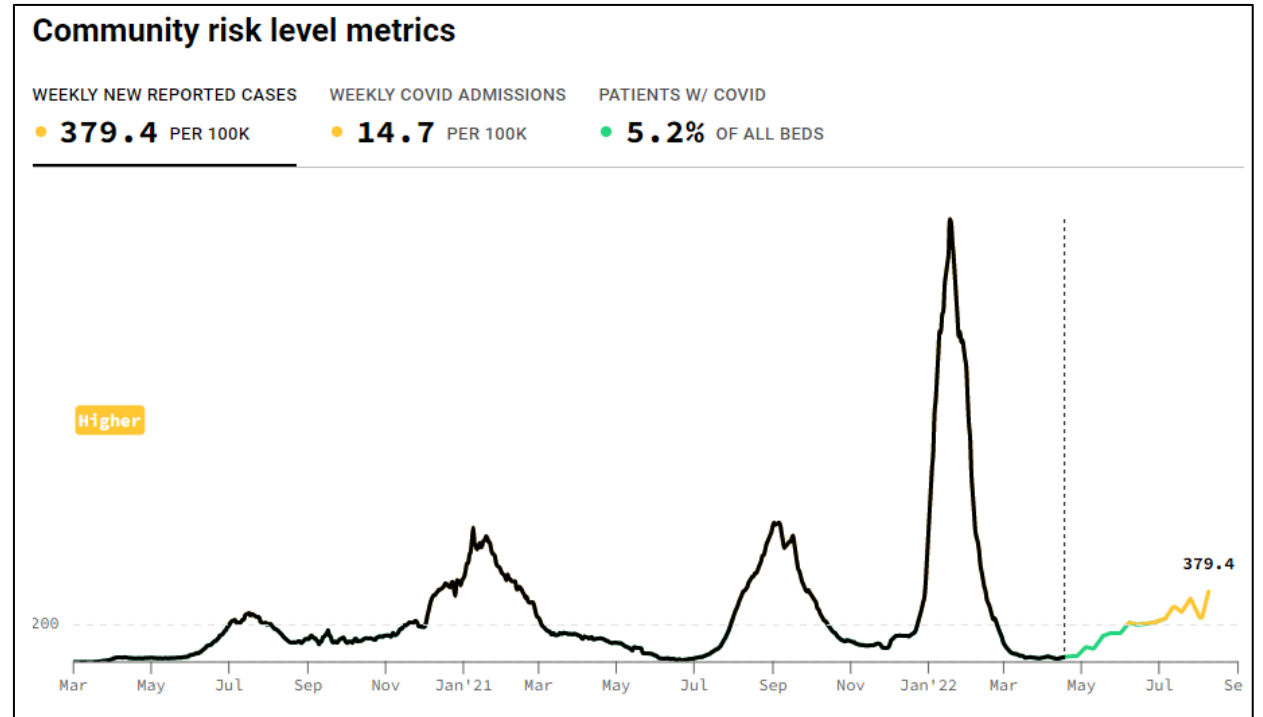


Sources: COVID Act Now, 8.15.2022
Time, 8.15.2022, SC DHEC 8.6.2022,
CDC 8.11.22

RICHLAND COUNTY CASES

In Richland County:

- Reproduction Rate: 1.22
- Positive Test Rate: 22.9%
- Weekly New Cases per 100K: 379.4



Sources: COVID Act Now, 8.15.2022

COLUMBIA CAMPUS TESTING & CASES

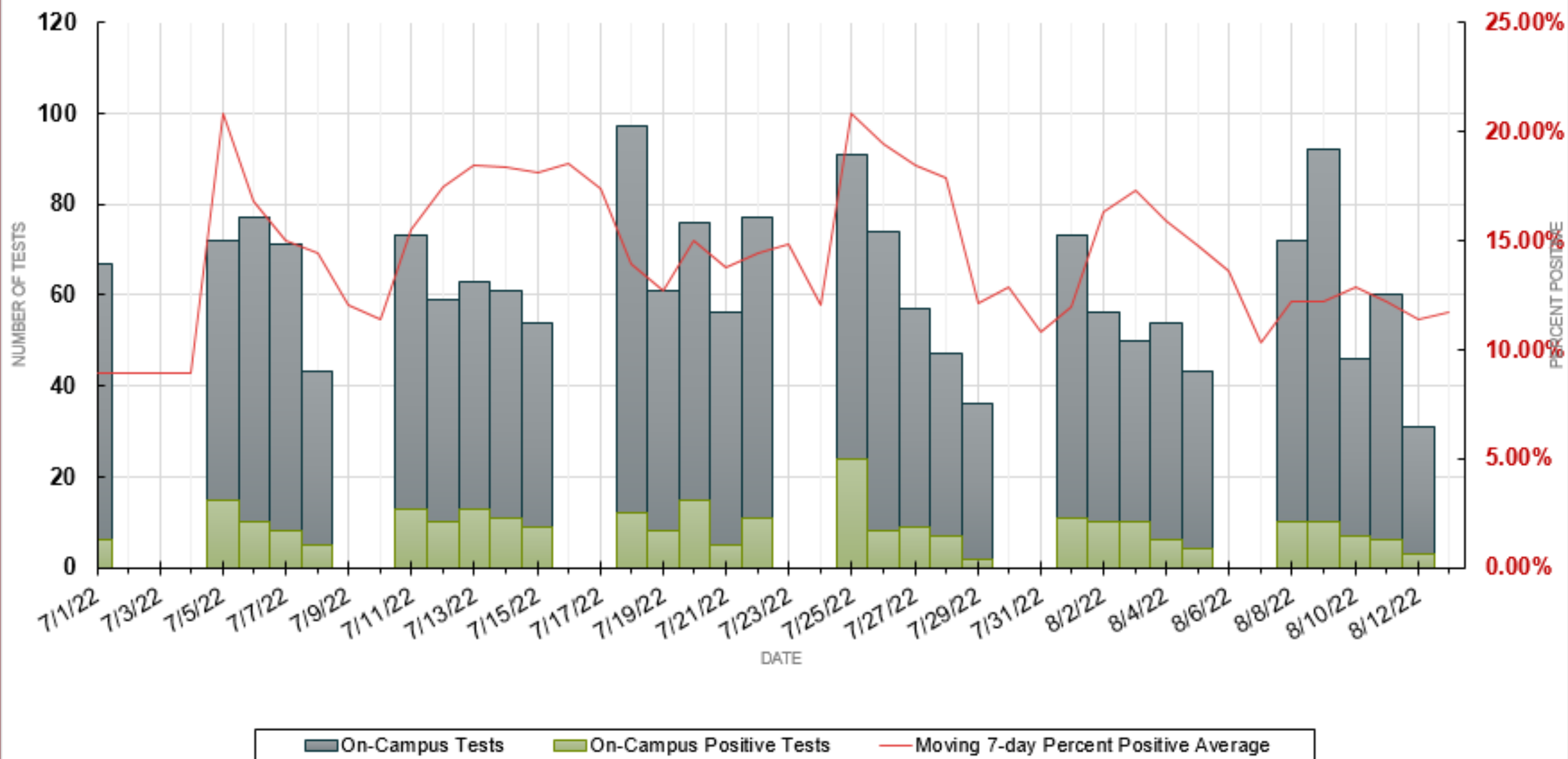
Campus Testing 8/7-8/13

- **Students – 119**
 - *Positive – 20*
 - *Negative – 99*
 - *% Positive – 16.81%*
- **Fac. & Staff – 182**
 - *Positive – 16*
 - *Negative – 166*
 - *% Positive – 8.79%*
- **Columbia Total – 301**
 - *Positive – 36*
 - *Negative – 265*
 - *% Positive – 11.96%*

Total Campus Tests

- **Since 7/1/2022: 1,889**
 - *Positive: 278*
 - *Negative: 1,611*
 - *% Positive: 14.72%*

Moving 7-Day Percent Positive Average of UofSC COVID-19 Tests



COVID RETURN TO CAMPUS

Evolution of the Pandemic- Personal Responsibility

- No return to campus testing
- Voluntary saliva based PCR testing through COP- no charge
 - Those preferring testing at SHS- will result in charges
- Masks encouraged throughout campus
 - KN95s available at the Welcome Center
- Vaccines encouraged- available daily at CHW
 - No charge with insurance card
- Positive test result
 - Isolation dates calculated based upon testing date
 - 5 day isolation plus 5 days tight fitting mask
 - Patients instructed to alert their own close contacts
 - Letter sent to patients with dates for isolation, same letter for class excuse with Ombuds
- No University isolation housing
- Special circumstances, contact Ombuds office
- No Covid dashboard



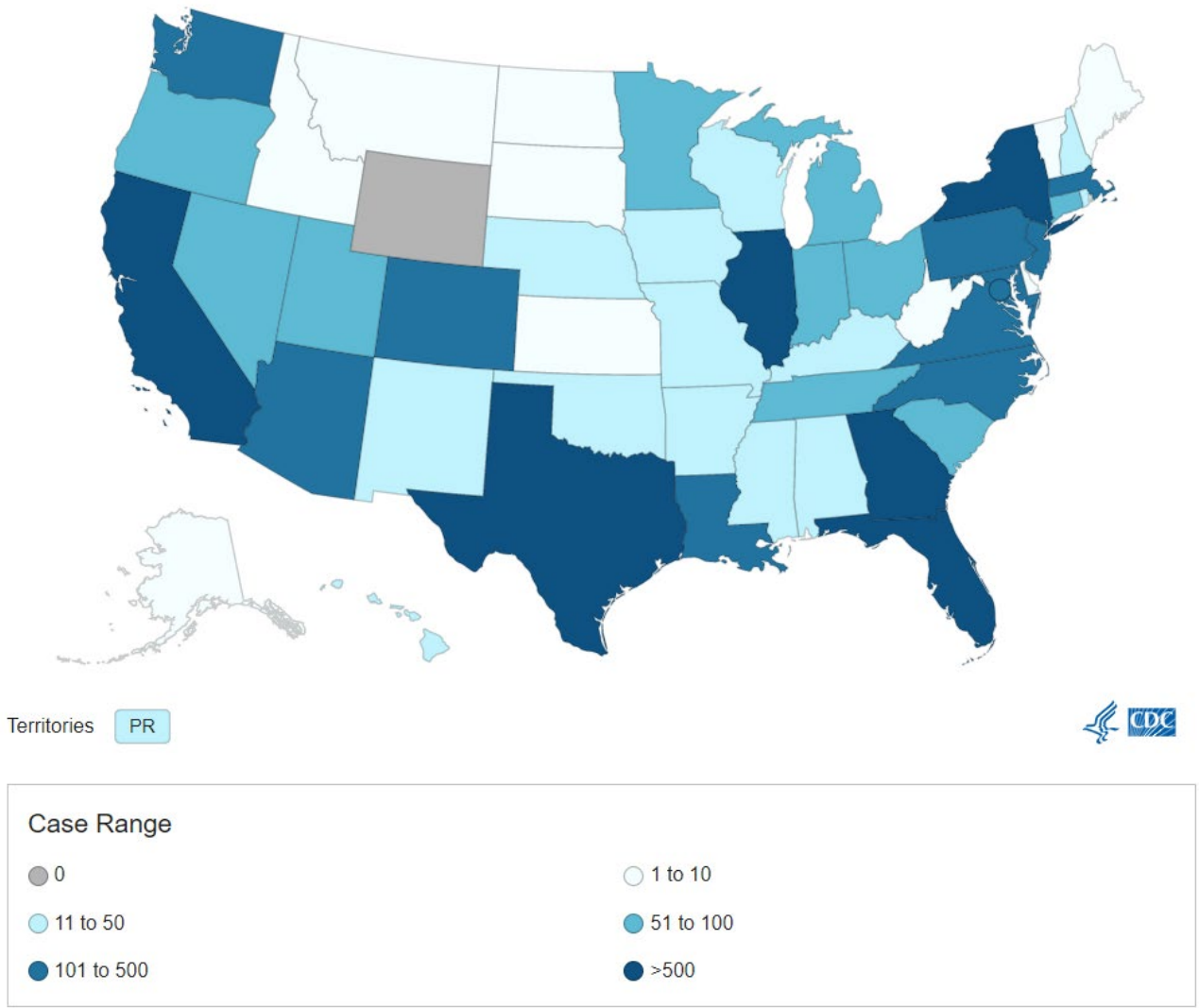
MPX U.S. Map & Case Count

Total Confirmed US Cases
13,517

Number of cases:

South Carolina	73
North Carolina	188
Georgia	1,033
Florida	1,346
New York	2,675
California	2,356
Texas	1,078

Updated 8.17.22



<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/response/2022/us-map.html>

MONKEY POX PREPARATION

- Open dialog with SC DHEC
 - Meetings with local experts
 - Attending educational sessions
- Capabilities to test
- Education of medical staff
 - Symptoms
 - PPE
 - Testing protocols
- Environmental Health & Safety
 - Preparation
 - Frequent cleaning
 - Evaluation of cleaning agents
- Messaging to campus members
- Encouraging vaccines for high-risk groups
 - Careline 855-472-3432



Prevention

- MPX vaccinations (JYNNEOS) are available in 14 public health departments across SC, but very limited supply nationwide.
- Focus now is ring vaccination for known and suspected MPX cases, but also available to individuals meeting SC DHEC criteria through:
 - **CareLine 855-472-3432**
 - Do not call HD directly
 - Call M-F 8am-6 PM



Expanded PEP / PEP++

MSM with multiple or anonymous sex partners in the last 14 days-
priority population for vaccination

3 Eligibility Criteria

1. Identify as gay, bisexual, transgender, gender non-conforming or gender non-binary and has sex with men
2. Aged 18 or over
3. Had multiple or anonymous sexual partners in the last 14 days

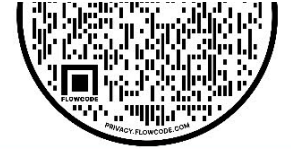
Vaccine clinics happening now!

Primary Prevention is the best offense

- Inform people of the risk so they can avoid exposure
- Only tool available to everyone right now



Counseling & Psychiatry



Offering free therapy sessions and additional mental health support for UofSC students

24/7 Support Line



Access to counselors 24/7
no matter where you are
including off campus



Wellness Hub



Visit for articles, videos
and resources on mental
health & wellness



Understanding self-harm and strategies for coping with emotional pain



Take your workout outside with this quick and effective bodyweight routine



9 tips for building a résumé from scratch



Ask the sexual health expert: "Do you have resources for

Resources, news, and events



Get Help



Give Help



Suicide Prevention

Speak to a counselor now

Support when you need it
24/7/365

Make an appointment with a counselor

In person or online appointments

Help navigating off campus mental health support

One on one personal assistance



CampusWell App

THANK YOU

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