

On August 14, 2024 the [World Health Organization](#) declared the outbreaks of mpox in African countries to be a public health emergency of international concern. The risk of mpox is assessed to be low for most University of Illinois travelers. Out of an abundance of caution, the McKinley Health Center is sharing the following guidance for students traveling for study abroad or other university-related travel to impacted areas.

Travelers should:

- Avoid close contact with persons with symptoms consistent with mpox.
- Follow appropriate hand and respiratory hygiene and safe-sex practices.
- Avoid consumption of bushmeat and direct contact with rodents and other animals in affected areas.

Mpox vaccinations should be considered for high-risk persons and persons with known, suspected, or anticipated exposure to someone with mpox. The Jynneos mpox vaccine is available through the [Champaign-Urbana Public Health District](#).

As always, students traveling abroad are advised to schedule a pre-travel health consultation with the [McKinley Health Center Consults and Travel Service](#).

For general questions about accessing healthcare while on study abroad or other university-related travel, students can contact International Safety and Security at safetyabroad@illinois.edu.