Mumps is best known for causing painful puffy cheeks, but it can be serious. Complications can include pain and swelling of the:
- Brain
- Breast
- Ovaries
- Pancreas
- Testicles
- Spinal cord tissue

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself from mumps. University students should have 2 doses of MMR vaccine. Make sure you are up-to-date!

If cases of mumps are reported at your university, you may need another dose of MMR. Check with your campus health center to find out if you need another dose.

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- No class
- No campus events
- No sports
- No parties.

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- Stay in your dorm room or apartment and away from others when you are sick
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Don't share drinks or other things that have saliva on them
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