

Blue Mountain College Fall 2021

Update from the COVID-19 Response Team

- If you are experiencing any symptoms and you feel the need to be tested, contact Deanna Palmer, COVID-19 Response Coordinator immediately at 662-685-4771 (Ext. 111) or at covid19@bmc.edu. Stay home if you are sick.
- Faculty and students will participate in classes and labs according to the published fall class schedule and through stated teaching delivery methods.
- Classrooms will be filled to normal capacity.
- Athletic activities will resume under normal schedules.
- BMC will allow normal access to all buildings; the use of limited entry and exit points will end. Visitors should report to the Business Office upon arrival.
- BMC will continue to take preventive measures by continuing to clean and disinfect all campus areas of operation.

Vaccinations:

BMC strongly encourages all faculty, staff, and students to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccinations are available through the state health department, doctor's offices, and many pharmacy locations. If you need assistance in obtaining a COVID-19 vaccination please contact the COVID-19 Response Coordinator at covid19@bmc.edu, or call 662-685-4771 (Ext. 111).

Mask Protocol for the Week of August 16, 2021 (Protocols are reviewed and updated weekly.)

- Face masks must be worn in the following indoor settings regardless of vaccinated status: the auditorium (during all chapel services), classrooms, the dining hall (when not seated), and in the gymnasium (during athletic competitions).
- Face masks must be worn regardless of vaccinated status when visiting an office on campus.

Quarantine/Isolation:

- Three factors that determine quarantine after being in close contact with a positive case of COVID-19:
 - If you were wearing a mask when exposed and have no symptoms: NO QUARANTINE
 - If you are fully vaccinated and have no symptoms: NO QUARANTINE
 - If you were not wearing a mask and have not been fully vaccinated: QUARANTINE
- Students and employees will be responsible for developing a plan in the event they need to quarantine or isolate due to having been exposed to someone who has COVID-19.
- Follow the guidance on staying home (quarantine) if you were exposed to someone who has COVID-19 unless you have been fully vaccinated or have had COVID-19 in the last 90 days.
- Wait to hear from the COVID-19 Response Coordinator before returning to campus after being placed in isolation or quarantine.

We recognize that cases of COVID-19 are increasing across the United States. Consequently, we will continue to monitor the coronavirus pandemic nationwide and locally and refine our plans so as to benefit from the most up-to-date scientific research and public health guidance at the time.