



BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

2021 Spring - BACK TO CAMPUS FAQs

FACULTY

PREVENTION

While Blue Mountain College is taking measures to protect the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff, individuals can take personal measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to the following recommendations:

- Wear a mask in public places.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Do not go to class, work, the dining hall, or other gatherings if you are sick.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- [Wash hands](#) often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.

If I have questions about COVID-19 with whom do I speak?

Contact the College's COVID-19 Response Coordinator at covid19@bmc.edu, or call 662-685-4771 (Ext. 111).

If I think I have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, what should I do?

Complete the symptom tracking survey - Full Measure. The survey is sent daily via a text message. If the results of Full Measure indicate possible exposure to the COVID-19 virus, you should contact the COVID-19 Response Coordinator immediately for instructions.

Should students contact professors before contacting the COVID-19 Response Coordinator?

No. Students should contact the COVID-19 Response Coordinator and receive instructions as to their next steps. Faculty should instruct students to contact the COVID-19 Response Coordinator.

What Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available?

Faculty will be provided a mask and a face shield. Hand sanitizer stations have been placed throughout the campus. Faculty will be responsible for maintaining their personal PPE. Faculty will expect students to wear masks, to use hand sanitizer, and to practice physical/social distancing in the classroom. **Face shields and Neck Gaiters are not substitutes for masks.**

Will temperature checks be available?

No-touch temperature check stations have been distributed throughout the campus.

What steps are being taken to sanitize/disinfect facilities and equipment?

The College has developed a plan for cleaning and disinfecting to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. The plan includes identification of high traffic areas that require heightened disinfection (i.e., doorknobs, common areas, desks, light switches, handrails, etc.). Housekeeping staff schedules have been altered, and materials procured, to allow classroom/common areas to be disinfected throughout the day. Sanitizing wipes, disinfectant sprays, and hand sanitizers are available across campus. Plans will be altered based on guidance and circumstances. Faculty are responsible for cleaning/sanitizing their personal workspaces.

Will physical/social distancing be observed?

Physical/social distancing will be observed in all college facilities whenever possible.

How will physical/social distancing be achieved in classrooms?

Class size is limited to 50% of the seating capacity of the classroom.



BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE 2021 Spring - BACK TO CAMPUS FAQs FACULTY

What are the PPE requirements?

Faculty are expected to wear masks at all times in public settings (i.e., hallways, meeting rooms, dining hall areas, auditoriums, etc.). Masks are not a substitute for physical/social distancing. Faculty are expected to wear masks in communal office spaces, on-campus gatherings, and in any campus setting where social distancing is not possible. Masks may be removed in an enclosed office where physical distancing is not required.

Are different types of PPE available for different disciplines?

Appropriate safety measures are being implemented for courses involving labs, music, and theatre. Additional requirements for labs and studio arts include: after labs all equipment must be sanitized; communal supplies are not allowed; lab simulations should be considered instead of actually performing the lab. Physical distancing of 6 ft must be maintained in all cases. In the performing arts, faculty must be innovative; all students in voice must wear face shields during lessons. Faculty must shorten times in contact when possible; physical distancing is most important.

What if a faculty member gets sick and cannot teach his or her class?

When a faculty member is ill but capable of teaching online then the class will move online for the duration of the quarantine/isolation period. If the faculty member is too ill to teach, faculty in the department will substitute for them. In the worst-case scenario, an adjunct will be hired.

If a faculty member has to go into quarantine or isolation, will classes continue online?

Yes. When faculty are in quarantine or isolation, the class will move online for the duration of the quarantine/isolation period.

What if a faculty member is uncomfortable teaching in a classroom? Can a faculty member switch to online?

If a faculty member is uncomfortable teaching in a classroom, he or she is responsible for discussing the situation with the Chair of the Department, who will consult with the Provost. A joint decision will be made by the Chair and the Provost.

How should a class syllabus be adjusted to prepare for the potential conversion to online?

The syllabus for every class should:

- include a clear plan to provide remote-learning accommodations for higher-risk students who cannot attend face-to-face classes, students who are ill, or students in required quarantine, or isolation;
- instruct students with COVID-19 symptoms (as defined by the CDC) to not attend class and to follow the remote learning accommodation plan provided in the syllabus;
- include a clear policy for if/what documentation is required for absences due to illness and/or COVID-19 symptoms;
- include a clear plan for how learning will take place and be evaluated in the event a class or all classes are required to meet remotely due to health concerns.

Include a section in the syllabus to indicate plans in case the course needs to go online:

- Faculty should communicate expectations when responding to student inquiries. The Provost recommends a 24-hour response time during the week and a 48-hour response time over the weekend.
- Whether classes are conducted face-to-face or online, faculty should make certain that communication with students is timely, thoughtful, and thorough.
- In the online environment, faculty should have a format for meeting synchronously with students, whether that is the predominant mode or not.
- Synchronous sessions should meet during regularly-scheduled class times.
- In order to avoid Zoom/Webex fatigue, the Provost recommends live Zoom/Webex meetings consist of approximately an hour per week per class.
- Synchronous sessions should be recorded and posted onto Canvas.
- Faculty should communicate weekly updates for students.



BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE 2021 Spring - BACK TO CAMPUS FAQs FACULTY

What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?

Check out the [Center for Disease Control](#) (CDC) website.

How will the dining hall be configured to promote safety?

Blue Mountain College and MMI Dining have measures in place to ensure food safety and a safe dining experience. Proper distancing will be required and checked. Staggered eating times, grab and go options, pre-packaged items, staff-served stations, etc. will be available. Outdoor dining has been provided.

Are we still having chapel?

Yes. Chapel services will be recorded and posted on the Chapel Canvas page by 2 p.m. each Monday. All students are required to watch the videos and respond to related questions by Thursday night at 11:59 p.m. This will count for chapel attendance.