



# BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

## 2021 Spring - BACK TO CAMPUS FAQs

### STAFF

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### What Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available?

Staff will be provided a mask and a face shield. Hand sanitizer stations have been placed in buildings throughout the campus. Staff are responsible for maintaining their personal PPE.

#### What are the PPE requirements?

Staff 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. Staff 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. **Face shields and Neck Gaiters are not substitutes for masks.**

#### Will physical/social distancing be observed?

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

#### Will temperature checks be available?

No-touch temperature check stations have been distributed throughout the college 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. Staff are responsible for cleaning/sanitizing personal workspaces.



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### **Under what conditions could I work from home or on a different schedule?**

Requests to work from home should be coordinated through an employee's supervisor in consultation with the COVID-19 Response Coordinator.

### **My work is primarily outdoors. Am I required to wear a mask?**

If you are within six feet of other individuals when working outside, you are expected to wear a mask. If you come inside a college-owned building, masks must be worn.

### **Can I alter my work schedule if shutdowns occur which impact local schools and childcare agencies?**

The College will make reasonable accommodations to arrange work schedules which are family-friendly.

### **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 pre-recorded and available for viewing after 2:00 p.m. each Monday.

### **What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?**

Check out the [Center for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov) (CDC) website.