



BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Blue Mountain College FALL 2022 Update from the COVID-19 Response Team

The following COVID-19 protocols have been updated:

- **Students and employees will be responsible for developing a plan in the event they need to isolate themselves due to having been diagnosed with COVID-19.**
- **Students who contract COVID-19 will be responsible for notifying their instructors and working with them to determine how to make up missed classes and coursework.**

Vaccinations:

BMC strongly encourages all students, faculty, and staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19 by getting the primary vaccine series, then staying up-to-date with a booster dose [if eligible](#). 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).

Testing, reporting, quarantine, and isolation

- COVID-19 tests are available from local health departments, pharmacies, and the federal government's website, [covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), which allows sign-up for free tests shipped directly to home addresses.
- Students and employees are not required to report positive test results to the College, but they are expected to follow [CDC guidelines for isolation](#).
- Students and employees should not ignore the [symptoms of COVID-19](#). Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms should not report to campus for work or class.
- [If you were exposed](#) to COVID-19, you should start taking precautions.

Masks and classrooms

- Masks are not required on BMC property, but individuals are always welcome to wear them. Those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are encouraged to wear a mask.
- Students and employees who test positive for COVID-19 are expected to go home, [isolate themselves for five days, then wear a mask for an additional five days](#) while in a classroom or other indoor space. There will be no quarantine or isolation accommodations on campus.

- Students and employees will also be required to wear a mask for **ten days** after being exposed to someone with COVID-19
- BMC faculty may require students to wear masks in their classrooms and offices.

Pandemic information, resources

- BMC will no longer maintain a college-specific COVID-19 dashboard.
- Signs encouraging hand-washing and proper COVID-19 etiquette have been placed in public restrooms on campus.
- Questions related to COVID-19 can be sent via email to covid19@bmc.edu.
- Should circumstances require revisions to these protocols, we must remain flexible and willing to accommodate any changes.

Thank you for all you have done to prioritize the health and safety of our BMC Family.