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**BREVARD COLLEGE
Fall 2021 COVID-19
Protocols for Campus Community**

The document is to provide guidance and information for Brevard College to open with confidence in August 2021. The primary goal is to protect our community while providing classes grounded in experiential education. This is a living document and will change as the situation and guidelines for COVID-19 change.

Masks are required for everyone indoors. In addition, the College requires masks for everyone inside buildings and vehicles when traveling. The College will use the local and state positivity rate, campus positivity rate, campus vaccination rate, and the number of positive cases. These data will be monitored daily. Decisions will be made based on the data and communicated to the campus community immediately.

Campus Protocols for Fall 2021

The following protocols will guide the campus community for the fall semester of 2021. These protocols will be updated as new information become available.

Mandatory Vaccine Requirements

- **Faculty and Staff are required to be vaccinated for COVID-19. Unvaccinated Faculty and Staff are required to get the first vaccine by September 6th. Faculty and staff can apply for a medical or religious exemption. Medical and religious exemptions are not guaranteed. Each exemption will be evaluated and a decision will be made on approval.**
- **Unvaccinated students have until January 2, 2022, to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. Students can apply for a medical or religious exemption. Medical exemptions will require a letter from the student's doctor stating he/she cannot take the vaccine due to an underlying medical condition. The religious exemption will only be granted to students that currently have a religious exemption for all immunizations/vaccinations.**

Testing of Students:

- Weekly testing is required for unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff members. Brevard College will have testing available on campus each Tuesday. The testing company will bill the insurance company. At this time, insurance companies are required to pay for all COVID-19 testing. If the insurance company denies payment, students, faculty, and staff

using the testing on campus will be responsible for the cost of testing. **The college will not pay for testing.** There are currently no out-of-pocket costs for weekly testing. If insurance companies stop paying for testing, the cost for a test will be \$85. The total out-of-pocket costs for testing would be around \$1,360 per semester.

- Failure to comply with weekly testing could result in separation from Brevard College.

Reporting Symptoms and/or exposure

- All students, faculty, and staff are required to report experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms to covid19@brevard.edu. These symptoms include headaches, body aches, congestion, fever, and tiredness.
- All students, faculty, and staff are required to report any contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19 to covid19@brevard.edu.

Isolation and Quarantine:

- Unvaccinated students that show signs and symptoms of COVID-19 will be immediately required to self-quarantine and contact their health care provider for testing.
- Students must remain in quarantine until the test results are delivered.
- A student diagnosed with COVID-19 or presumed positive by a medical professional due to symptoms will be isolated from others and asked to quarantine at home.
- If a student cannot go home for quarantine, they will be relocated to the lower level of East Jones Residence Hall as the established isolations/quarantine units.
- All unvaccinated students that have been in contact with a person testing positive will be required to quarantine for 7-10 days. They will need to get tested on day 5 or 6 of quarantine. If the results are negative, the student can return to normal activities.
- The local health department will be notified and will work with BC to develop a plan to evaluate, isolate, and contact trace suspected cases.
- Anyone receiving a positive COVID-19 test will remain in isolation until the following is met: 1). 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms or ten days from the positive test date.
- A person in quarantine will remain in quarantine for 7-10 days due to contact with a person testing positive. The person will test on the fifth or sixth day after the last day of contact. Once the test results are completed and are negative, the person will be released from quarantine.

Return of Campus Community

Academic Buildings

- Classrooms can be at full student capacity if necessary.

Tornado Alley

- Student gatherings will be limited to 75% of the total capacity of a space.
- Equipment will be sanitized after each use.

Mail Room

- Mail will be picked up in Tornado Alley with the use of smart lockers.
- Students will not be assigned a PO box. Instead, students will be able to pick up mail at any time throughout the day and evening by using a code that will be sent via email.
- Large packages will be picked up on the loading dock by the mailroom.

BC Outfitters Store

- No capacity limit will be set.

Coltrane Underground

- Coltrane will be closed and not available as a food venue.
- Food options that were previously available in Coltrane will now be available in Myers Dining Hall in the following hours: from 8:30 PM to 11 PM (grab and go).

Myers Dining Hall

- 75% capacity will be available.
- Reusable to-go boxes will be available.
- No self-service. All food will be served by staff.
- Staff will be trained to follow the local and state health department's cleaning and food service protocols.
- Reusable to-go boxes will be available for students. There will be a \$7 deposit required for the container. The deposit will be returned to the student once the container is returned at the end of the semester. Students will be able to use their dining dollars for the deposit.
- There will be tables with plexiglass barriers for people that are uncomfortable eating indoors without barriers. Unvaccinated people are encouraged to use the tables with the plexiglass as a precaution.
- There will be outside seating available.

Bill's Boiler House

- Inside seating will be restored.
- Pre-orders can be picked up from the window.

Residence Halls

- All students will be required to wear a mask in the residence halls. The only exception is when the student is in their assigned room with their roommate.
- Unvaccinated students are allowed to visit residents in another residence hall. Residents can have one visitor at a time. A room cannot have more than three people at one time in the room. Unvaccinated students must wear a mask if visiting a room other than their assigned room.
- **Villages can have no more than three visitors at one time.** The exception to this policy is if cohorts are visiting others within that cohort. For example, volleyball players could have more than three visitors from their volleyball cohort. However, if volleyball had other volleyball players visiting their unit, they would be allowed to have students outside their cohort. All students visiting or living in the cohort would be required to wear a mask.
- **No visitors from outside Brevard College are allowed in the residence halls. The policy for no visitors includes family, friends attending another college, recent graduates from Brevard College, or significant others.**

Residence Halls Common Areas

- Community kitchens, studies, and small gathering spaces will be open and accessible to residents. All students will be required to wear a mask when using these spaces.
- The basement of East Jones rooms will be used for any isolation or quarantine needs. Students testing positive or unvaccinated students that are required to quarantine are encouraged to quarantine off-campus. For those unable to leave campus, quarantine housing will be provided.

Events

- Any event that can be held outside will be moved outside.
- Outdoor events will not have a limit on attendance. Indoor events will be limited to 75% of the capacity of the space.
- Guests, including students, faculty, and staff, must be able to provide proof of vaccine or wear a mask to all indoor events. Guests unwilling or unable to do either will not be allowed to attend the event.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be at all events.

CLASSROOM PROTOCOLS, FALL SEMESTER, 2021 (updated August 26, 2021)

All community members will be educated on and responsible for following guidelines and encouraging others to do the same.

These guidelines may be revised as information provided by the CDC is updated.

1. In classrooms and any indoor events that involve student and faculty interaction, students and faculty are required to wear a mask until further notice. For classroom activities outside, masks are optional as long as 3 ft distancing is maintained.
2. Faculty members will enforce guidelines in the classroom. Faculty will have access to students' vaccination status.
3. Adherence to guidelines in classrooms falls under the Class Conduct policy in the College Catalog, p. 42.
4. Adherence to guidelines outside of classrooms falls under the College Student Handbook policies.
5. If classes require exceptions to these policies, the division chair will request written permission for a variance to the policy in advance.
6. Attendance policies for the fall semester will not penalize absences related to documented Covid-19 quarantine, isolation, or illness. COVID-19 absences should be treated as an absence due to illness or a family emergency. If a student is unable to attend class due to COVID-19, the student will provide electronic documentation for the period of their absences and work with faculty to develop a plan to complete any missed work. Faculty should contact covid19@brevard.edu if they have any questions about COVID-19 related student absences.
7. Faculty are not required to provide students who are absent due to COVID-19 isolation, quarantine, or illness with electronic delivery of course content and materials. Faculty and students should refer to the College's *Remote Learning Policy* for more information and guidelines on remote learning requests.

COVID 19 Field Trip Policies and Protocols- Fall Semester 2021

The following policies are **in addition** to regular field trip travel and [notification policies](#).

Field Trips will be allowed following the guidelines listed below.

1. Before planning a field trip, faculty should evaluate the **vaccination status** of all individuals in the field trip group by using the J1 vaccination status report when it becomes available. Until then, faculty should email their field trip roster to covid19@brevard.edu as soon as possible. If they have any questions about the vaccination status of a member of the field trip group, faculty should also email covid19@brevard.edu.
2. If all individuals in a field trip group are vaccinated, then the field trip is allowed following masking guidelines.
3. If the field trip group includes individuals who are not vaccinated, faculty can move forward with the trip by confirming a negative weekly PCR test from the previous week for those that are unvaccinated. A negative rapid test within 24 hours before departure is also required for unvaccinated individuals. With a negative weekly PCR test and a negative rapid test, unvaccinated individuals may participate in travel following masking guidelines. Faculty should email covid19@brevard.edu to confirm the **testing status** of unvaccinated individuals prior to each trip.
4. College masking policy should be followed during every field trip.