



BTC COVID-19: Fully Vaccinated Campus Student Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Updated: August 31, 2021

1. Q: What are the rules around masking?

A: All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask indoors at all times on campus. Masking is required inside public spaces at all times. Exceptions will be made for students and employees while engaged in the act of eating or drinking. We will be sending out more details on eating and drinking spaces as plans develop.

2. Q: What rules apply to visitors and guests?

A: Visitors and guests, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask indoors at all times on campus. This applies to guest speakers, advisory committee members, contractors and other industry partners, and prospective students, among others.

3. Q: What are the consequences for not wearing a required mask?

A: Individuals who fail to comply with masking requirements may be subject to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct, and may be asked to leave campus.

4. Q: Is proof of vaccination required or can self-attestation information be verified?

A: For students, the self-attestation form does not require proof of vaccination, only the dates that shots were received. Assertion of medical or religious exemption status by students does not require any documentation. Immunization status may be verified with the Washington State Department of Health.

5. What changed on vaccine exemptions?

A: **On August 27, 2021**, the Governor updated the guidelines with another significant change: [Proclamation 12-20.5 the philosophical exemption from the vaccination requirement has been removed](#). Each registered student is required to complete a self-attestation of vaccination status identifying whether they are vaccinated or asserting a medical exemption (required by law) or a religious exemption. If you have previously submitted an attestation and claimed a philosophical exemption, you must update your attestation.

6. Q: What constitutes a medical or religious exemption?

A: Medical exemptions are granted to those with conditions the CDC considered contraindication for the COVID-19 vaccination. Students may also object to immunization because of conflicts with their sincerely held religious beliefs and practices. The College will receive exemption applications in good faith and there is no operational difference across the categories of exemption.

7. Q: Will the campus know what percentage of students and employees are vaccinated?

A: Yes, the aggregate information about vaccination rates among students and employees will be made available within the FAQs in a future update.



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8. Q: How will we know which students are vaccinated? Can we ask them?

A: Individuals are free to discuss their own status but should not ask others about their vaccine status. All individuals on campus shall be masked at all times in public spaces.

9. Q: What are the consequences for misrepresentation of vaccination status?

A: Individuals who provide false information on the vaccination self-attestation will be subject to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct.

10. Q: What are the social distancing requirements now?

A: All social distancing requirements are removed under the new protocol.

11. Q: Will BTC still check temperatures, completing daily health attestations, and checking in at building entrances?

A: The daily health attestation will be discontinued, no daily health checks will be performed, and building check-in stations will be removed.

12. Q: Do the new guidelines mean students can be on campus outside of class time and use the common areas?

A: Yes, campus is fully re-opening! The library and tutoring center are currently ramping up on-campus access, and the Campus Center second floor study areas have been open for some time. Students can utilize campus as always, subject to the new protocols.

13. Q: How will COVID cases on campus be reported and tracked?

A: The COVID Response Team has reviewed the current protocol for reporting and tracking. A new procedure for both employee and student situations has been published and continues to be reviewed in light of ongoing developments.

14. Q: Will online students be required to complete an attestation?

A: An attestation is required of any student who will or may come to campus for any reason. This includes accessing services such as the bookstore, tutoring, or financial aid as well as classes.