



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

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MASKING

1. Q: If we have mandated vaccines and are counting on them to protect us, why do we need masks as well?

A: Vaccines are the best protection against COVID-19. Due to the allowance of medical and religious exemptions, not all individuals on campus are or can be vaccinated; masking is an additional step necessary to protect public health. The governor has mandated indoor masking.

2. Q: Who is responsible for ensuring compliance with masking requirements?

A: As has been the case since the start of the pandemic, faculty will ensure student compliance with masking regulation in their instructional programs as part of their classroom management responsibilities. Students who do not comply with masking requirements when directed by employees may be subject to disciplinary action. Faculty may involve their dean or director, or the Student Conduct Officer, if a situation is not easily resolved.

3. Q: Will the College provide students who are unvaccinated with a KN-95 mask?

A: The college may provide KN-95 masks to students and employees with demonstrated financial need.

4. Q: What are the rules about outdoor masking?

A: While outdoors in groups such as classes, study sessions, project work, or socializing, all individuals must remain masked. Individual employees and students outdoors at social distance may remove their masks.

5. Q: What are the rules about drinking and masking?

Students and employees may briefly drink as necessary inside and out when socially distanced from others. Masks may be dropped or removed only when actively drinking and masks should be worn in between each drink (i.e., sip/swallow, etc.).

6. Q: What rules apply to visitors, guests and contractors?

A: Every volunteer, contractor, and visitor to BTC locations must wear a face covering in compliance with the Governor's Proclamation 20-25.

7. 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 (if students). Visitors and contractors may be asked to leave campus.

VACCINATIONS

8. Q: Can our campus require everyone to provide proof of vaccination, including, students and employees?

A: Under the Governor's proclamation, students are not required to submit documentation, if vaccinated, and both employees and students are entitled to request medical and religious exemptions, except for special programs.



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9. 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. Immunization status may be verified with the Washington State Department of Health. Assertion of medical or religious exemption status by students will require additional documentation and accommodation.

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

A: Online students who will never come to campus for any reason may request an exemption from the vaccination requirement through the online vaccination status attestation form. They will have to complete additional documentation.

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

A: Yes, the aggregate information about vaccination rates among students and employees will be made available.

12. Q: How will we know who is 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 will be masked at all times in public spaces.

13. Q: Will instructors know which students are vaccinated? Will they ask students?

A: Instructors will be provided with class rosters that indicate which students have submitted a vaccination exemption but the information will not be shared any further. Individuals are free to discuss their own status but should not ask others about their vaccine status. All individuals on campus will be masked at all times in public spaces.

14. 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

OTHER

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

A: All instructional and service activities will keep a three-foot or greater social distance standard to the greatest extent possible. We understand that we may only be partially successful at this goal.

16. Q: Are we still checking temperatures, completing daily health attestations, and checking in at building entrances?

A: The daily health attestation is no longer required for students or employees, no daily health checks will be performed, and building check-in stations have been removed except for areas where students co-mingle.

17. Q: Will students and staff entering Settlemyer and the Library be checking in on each floor, or at the entrances of Campus Center?

A: Students will be checking in upon entrance to the Settlemyer Hall and Library space, not at the entrance to the CC building or on each floor.



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18. Q: What is recommended if someone feels sick?

A: Follow the respective COVID Illness Response Procedure found on the BTC COVID website page for students.

19. 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.

20. Q: How does BTC share COVID updated communications with students?

A: Student email blasts go both to the students' BTC addresses and to the personal email address that they provided before being admitted. BTC also sends follow up text messages as a prompt for students to check their email.

21. Q: What if I have more questions?

A: All additional questions can be directed to covidquestions@btc.edu.