



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

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QUARANTINE & ISOLATION*

- 1. Q. Under what circumstances does someone have to quarantine/isolate and not come to campus?**
A. Anyone who has tested positive for COVID or developed COVID symptoms must isolate for at least 5 days after the date of testing positive or the onset of symptoms; *longer if symptoms persist*. Except those who are fully vaccinated and have received a booster shot (if eligible based on timeline), anyone who has come into close contact (within 6 feet for a total of about 15 minutes within a 24-hour period) with someone who has tested positive for COVID must quarantine for at least 5 days.
- 2. Q. If I have been told to quarantine/isolate and not come to campus, can I automatically return after 5 days?**
A. No, you need to be cleared by a member of the BTC COVID Response Team before returning to campus. If you are still experiencing any symptoms, continue quarantining/isolating.

*Note: In accordance for those working in healthcare settings, isolation and quarantine periods and other requirements may be different for nursing and allied health students, faculty, and staff.

MASKING

- 3. Q: The Governor is lifting the indoor masking mandate on March 12, 2022. Can I still opt to wear a mask while on campus?**
A: Absolutely. BTC urges everyone to assess their own level of risk and comfort with the new guidelines and encourages everyone to continue to wear a mask if they so choose.
Also note that nursing and allied health programs are covered by separate guidelines; students, faculty, and staff in those programs will still be required to wear face coverings in some settings (this also applies to visitors to nursing and allied health program facilities).
- 4. Q: I am concerned about being around people who are not wearing a face covering. Can I ask them to wear a mask?**
A: You can certainly ask; however, you cannot require. That said, we must all be mindful that many within our community remain vulnerable and, as such, all are encouraged to continue wearing face coverings while around others outside of their household.
- 5. Q: I recently had COVID / had COVID symptoms / was exposed to someone with COVID. Why do I have to wear a mask when I come back to campus?**
A: Though the masking mandate is being lifted for the general public, the Department of Health still recommends masking under certain circumstances. Currently, that includes masking while around others during periods of isolation or quarantine, and an additional five days after coming out of isolation or quarantine.

VACCINATIONS & BOOSTER SHOTS

- 6. Q: Is the COVID vaccination status attestation still required?**
A: Yes. As a Fully-Vaccinated Campus, BTC requires all students, faculty, and staff to attest to their COVID vaccination status.



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7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Q: Are booster shots required?

A: Though not required, BTC encourages all students, faculty, and staff to get a booster shot if they are eligible.

14. Q: Do students have to attest if they have received a booster shot?

A: Students are not currently required to attest if they have received a booster shot; however, in cases of confirmed or potential exposure to someone who is COVID positive, the COVID response team may ask for booster status, as that may determine appropriate next steps.

15. 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

16. 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.



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17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. Q: Can students be on campus outside of class time and use the common areas?

A: Yes, campus is fully open; however, some areas may need to limit on-campus services intermittently as needed in cases of confirmed exposure. Check btc.edu for daily updates.

21. 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.

22. Q: What if I have more questions?

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