

BC is committed to the health and safety of our students. To ensure students return to a safe Residence Hall environment the following procedures have been implemented with guidance from the CDC, OSHA, MIOSHA, local health departments, and the American College Health Association.

CONSIDERATION IN PLANNING FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO RESIDENCE HALLS:

- Governor Executive Orders
- Guidance from [CDC](#), [OSHA](#), local health departments, and American College Health Association
- Occupancy for each unit
- Recommended student sanitation expectations for units
- Social events and gatherings
- Outside guests

BEFORE RETURNING TO CAMPUS:

- Read and understand all communications, education and training BC provides
- Familiarize yourself with the [BC COVID-19 website](#) and review the COVID-19 Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plan available on this website
- Understand COVID-19 [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#), [Know How It Spreads](#), how to [Wash Your Hands](#), and proper [Respiratory Etiquette](#)
- Students with medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, immunosuppressive drug therapy including chronic systemic corticosteroid treatment, heart disease, HIV, and morbid obesity are at high risk for COVID-19 and should consider additional safety measures while on campus.

Reach out to the Residence Hall Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns about your return to campus.

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

- Clean, disinfect and sanitize restrooms, kitchens, and commonly touched surfaces two times per day.
- Limit the occupancy of individual rooms to assigned individuals only.
- If gathering socially, adhere to social distancing recommendations.
- No guests will be allowed in campus Residence Halls
- Public recreation facilities will be closed.
- Access to public laundry facilities should be limited based on social distancing recommendations

- Stay in your room if you experience any of the listed [COVID-19 symptoms](#) and contact your Residence Hall Coordinator.
- Report anyone exhibiting any of the listed COVID-19 symptoms to your Residence Hall Coordinator
- Report any confirmed cases of COVID-19 to your Residence Hall Coordinator who will then report the case to the Director of Student Affairs.

BEST PRACTICES FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE:

- Follow the processes and guidelines for [social distancing](#) of 6 feet apart
- [Wash your hands](#) with soap and water and sanitize frequently
- Wear recommended [Face Coverings](#) at all times when you are inside and in public spaces
- Cough and sneeze into tissues or your elbow - [respiratory etiquette](#)
- Ask questions and focus on your health and the health of your campus community members.
- Read and understand all communications about COVID-19 protocols

BC requires PPE (face coverings) while on campus, the PPE will be provided to employees, students, and guests to the campus. PPE requirements will be:

- Selected and required based upon the hazard to the worker.
- Properly fitted and periodically refitted, as applicable (e.g., respirators).
- Consistently and properly worn when required.
- Regularly replaced and maintained, as necessary.
- Properly removed, cleaned, and stored or disposed of, as applicable, to avoid contamination of self, others, or the environment.

RESPONSE PROTOCOL FOR A RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR POSITIVE TEST AT A BC LOCATION:

Students displaying one or more of the following symptoms may have contracted COVID-19 and the appropriate protocols need to be implemented immediately. Symptoms of COVID-19 include cold or flu-like symptoms but are not limited to: uncontrolled cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever (100.4 or above), diarrhea, chills, muscle aches, abdominal pain, vomiting, severe headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.

Protocol to Address Symptomatic student:

- If any student is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 while in a BC Residence Hall, the Residence Hall Coordinator should be alerted and they will take care of the next steps in the protocol.
- Students should not interact with the symptomatic individuals directly and should observe social distancing of 6 feet separation.

Subsequent activities are taken by the Director of Student Affairs (DSA) and the Director of Academic Affairs (DAA):

- The Residence Hall Coordinator will escort the student to an isolated room or designated area and notify the DSA or DAA.
- If a student is in acute respiratory distress, outside emergency medical services will be contacted.
- If the student is not in acute respiratory distress, they will be moved into a quarantine Residence Hall unit and the DSA or DAA will assist the student with finding local healthcare.
- The DSA or DAA will notify facilities to perform full disinfection of all potentially infected/areas and equipment following their protocol - refer to contact tracing of all potential infection sites.
- DSA or DAA will determine who may be at risk due to exposure from contact tracing.
- DSA or DAA will contact symptomatic close contacts and will inform them to self-monitor for 14 days and contact their personal healthcare provider.

If a Residence Hall student/close contact tests positive or clinically confirms for COVID-19, then the Residence Hall student and close contacts would be isolated in a separate Residence Hall unit for 14-days from the date of last exposure. BC will report the positive test to the local health department if they have not already been notified and identify all other students and/or employees who came in close contact with the student.

REFERENCES

American College Health Association. (May 7, 2020), Considerations for Reopening Institutions of Higher Education in the COVID-19 Era.
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