

Return to Campus Guide for Boise Bible College Students 2020-21

The Boise Bible College (BBC) academic year of 2020-21 opens in the midst of concerns for public health regarding the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The administration continues to monitor state health guidelines, county district health mandates, and hospitalization reports with every intent to have students on campus and offer classes in person. This year, the campus will be adhering to four public health pillars. These pillars will affect both the daily rhythm and physical spaces for the campus.

Goals

Given the unknowns still ahead of us, flexibility and grace will be necessary for us moving forward: *flexibility to morph and move as new knowledge comes to light and grace to think that guidelines and protocols are administered with the best of intentions.* The cooperation, support, and attention of the BBC family are critical for success.

Four Public Health Pillars

The plans to provide the safest return to campus have been built on the foundation of the following four pillars of public health precautions.

1. Face coverings

- Face coverings (i.e. masks) that completely cover the nose and mouth are required when walking inside any building on campus. Face coverings are expected if the 6-foot physical distance cannot be maintained (e.g., group projects, meeting with advisor).
- BBC will be distributing one cloth face covering donated by Eagle Christian Church, Eagle, ID during registration. Students are encouraged to bring their own comfortable face coverings.

2. Physical distancing

- Physical distancing of six feet (two arms lengths or the wingspan of a bald eagle) should be practiced among individuals on campus. In outdoor settings where physical distancing is not possible, face coverings are required.
- Campus seating has been measured for physical distancing.
- Barriers are being constructed for lecture halls, cafeteria, SUB, lobby areas, and library.

3. Hand and surface hygiene

- Increased hand washing (hourly if possible) is encouraged. Hand sanitization stations have been increased around campus, and students are encouraged to use them upon entry and exit of any building.
- Sanitization baskets have been installed in classrooms, public spaces throughout campus, and common areas in each dorm suite. There is an expectation to sanitize a desired space both before and after usage.

4. **Monitoring symptoms**

- Per Stage Three in the Idaho Rebounds Stages of Reopening, we are encouraging all students coming to campus outside of the state of Idaho to self-quarantine at their homes for 14-days prior to arriving on campus (either move-in or registration).
- A 10-day temperature and symptom log is being required from each student as they arrive on campus: resident students will submit log to housing team at move in and commuter students will submit log to the check-in station during registration. This establishes a community health baseline for beginning the year together.
- Temperature/symptom checks during the semester: daily for all individuals going through the cafeteria; for all commuter students at chapel attendance; and for resident students returning from any night spent off campus.
 - Any temperature 100.4°F or greater is considered a fever and proper quarantine to housing and notification to the Student Life office should be made immediately.
 - Students should report if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 possible symptoms: new or worsening (dry) cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, out-of-the-ordinary fatigue; muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

As a community, we must rely on one another to create a safer environment and protect each other. These four public health pillars will be in effect for our campus, regardless of intended use. Adherence will be the personal responsibility of each individual on our campus to minimize the spread of communicable diseases, especially the novel coronavirus. All students and visitors are expected to fully comply with these four pillars and all of the policies outlined in this document.

Guests – No overnight guests will be allowed in dormitories until approval following 09/07/20. This will give time from move-in (students from different areas) and first day of classes (interaction with resident and commuter students) for our community to settle in and establish a communal health baseline.

Student Records – The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Medical information, including but not limited to routine temperature checks, COVID-19 symptom questionnaires, and COVID-19 testing, is part of a student's education record. For further guidance see the Student Privacy Policy Office publication [FERPA & Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) March 2020](#).

Dietary Supplements- Students are encouraged to consult their physician or dietitian before arriving on campus for direction in boosting their immune system through nutrition, supplements, and/or activities. Some known dietary supplements to boost the immune system and prevent communicable diseases are zinc, vitamin C, vitamin D, and a daily multivitamin.

COVID-19 Deviations from the Student Handbook 2020-21 –

- Chapel (2.1.2)- Chapel is being modified from twice a week (Tuesday and Thursday) to once a week (Tuesday) with two services to comply with the group gathering limits of Stage Three in the Idaho Rebounds Stages of Reopening. Students will be split into two groups and assigned a chapel time either 10:30-11:20 or 11:30-12:20.
- Intramural sports (2.4) are canceled for this fall semester (flag football, sand volleyball). We will reassess for spring semester intramural sports during the winter break.
- All Campus Retreat (2.2.1) and students traveling to the International Conference on Missions (ICOM) (2.2.9) are canceled for this 2020-21 year.