

COVID Protocols

Effective May 11, 2023

These protocols apply to all faculty, staff, students, and visitors coming to the BGSP campus.

Vaccination:

- A. COVID vaccination requirements remain in place for students and Therapy Center patients through the end of the Spring 2023 semester (June 16, 2023). Vaccine requirements will be re-evaluated at that time.
- B. Apart from COVID vaccines, BGSP students are required to obtain certain vaccines as required by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for higher education institutions. Requirements are outlined in the student's registration materials.
- C. BGSP will no longer be checking vaccination status of visitors to campus (e.g., for continuing education events, contractors, or guests).

Masks:

Masks are optional on the BGSP campus except under certain circumstances.

- A. **If you have any symptoms of potential COVID, but are testing negative, you should wear a mask** to avoid spreading illness to others.
- B. **A faculty member or therapist may require masks.** If a faculty member or therapist requests class members, supervisees, or patients to wear a mask while in a room together, the School's policy is that masks are worn in order to accommodate the faculty member or therapist's needs.
- C. **People recovering from COVID may be required to mask.** If you have tested positive for COVID, completed your isolation (described below), tested negative on an antigen test, and returned to campus before Day 10 after your positive test, you are required to **wear a mask through Day 10** after your positive test.
- D. **Close contacts wear masks through Day 10.** If you have been exposed to COVID, you are required to wear a mask through Day 10 after your exposure. Be sure to test on Day 6 to make sure you are not positive for COVID.

Isolation:

If you are sick with or have tested positive for COVID-19:

- A. **STAY HOME.**
 - a. If you have symptoms and test positive for COVID-19, stay home until after:

- At least 7 days since symptoms first appeared (if any) **and**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **and**
- Symptoms have improved **and**
- You test negative on an antigen test (such as an at-home test).
- **Even after symptoms have improved, continue to wear a mask when around others through Day 10, even if you test negative.**

b. If you do not have symptoms, stay home until after:

- At least 5 days since your positive test.
- You test negative on an antigen test (such as an at-home test).
- **Continue to wear a mask when around others through Day 10, even if you test negative.**

B. To reiterate, people returning to campus after isolation remain fully masked at all times through Day 10, even if others are not wearing masks.