

COVID Protocols

Effective June 30, 2023

Vaccination:

- A. COVID vaccination requirements remain in place for students through the end of the Fall 2023 semester. All students are required to have received the bivalent booster. Exceptions include:

- a. Students enrolled in remote-only degree programs

Any student visiting the BGSP campus in-person at any point during the semester and for any duration is expected to provide documentation of the bivalent vaccination prior to permitted entry to the building.

- 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 and BGSP immunization report.

- C. BGSP will no longer be checking vaccination status of visitors to campus (including: Therapy Center patients, continuing education events, contractors, or guests).

Isolation & Masks:

The following masking and isolation protocols apply to all faculty, staff, students, and visitors coming to the BGSP campus.

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),
 - You should continue to test daily through Day 10
- **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.**

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's 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 above), 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 daily starting on Day 6 through day 10 to make sure you are not positive for COVID.