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To: Campus Community

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Re: COVID-19 – Guidance from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The increased interaction among faculty, staff and students created by the addition of campus housing, an increased number of athletic teams and the emergence of a more active campus life requires Bluefield State to become even more diligent in maintaining a safe educational environment as it relates to the COVID-19 virus and its various strains.

As such, we shall incorporate as our standard for compliance strict adherence to the most current guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which reflect the recent developments in the virology which surrounds the COVID-19 virus and its different strains.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

In addition, our Bluefield State athletic programs shall also adhere to the NCAA's currently-applicable requirements, effective August 4, 2021, including future changes.
<https://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/media-center/news/general-new-covid-19-guidance-for-fall-sports-released>.

Bluefield State strongly encourages its students, faculty and staff to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available free of charge in the College's Health Center, in Room 210, at the Ned E. Shott Physical Education Building, (304) 327-4170. In order to keep the campus informed, the College's Office of General Counsel shall monitor CDC and NCAA guidelines and provide updates on the College's COVID-19 website as appropriate. <https://bluefieldstate.edu/homepage/covid-19>.

For those who are fully vaccinated, the most recent recommendations of the CDC regarding the need for isolation, quarantine and testing, which Bluefield State College will follow, may be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>, effective July 27, 2021:



Recommendations for Isolation, Quarantine and Testing

The following recommendations apply to non-healthcare settings. Guidance for residents and staff of healthcare settings can be found in the Updated Healthcare [Infection Prevention Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#).

Fully vaccinated people with COVID-19 symptoms

Although the risk that fully vaccinated people could become infected with COVID-19 is low, any fully vaccinated person who experiences [symptoms consistent with COVID-19](#) should [isolate themselves from others](#), be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for SARS-CoV-2 if indicated. The symptomatic fully vaccinated person should inform their healthcare provider of their vaccination status at the time of presentation to care.

Fully vaccinated people with no COVID-like symptoms following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19

Fully vaccinated people who have come into [close contact](#) with someone with COVID-19 should be tested 3-5 days following the date of their exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. They should isolate if they test positive. Fully vaccinated people who live in a household with someone who is immunosuppressed, at increased risk of severe disease, or unvaccinated (including children <12 years of age) could also consider masking at home for 14 days following a known exposure or until they receive a negative test result. Most fully vaccinated people with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to [quarantine](#) or be restricted from work following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, if they follow the testing and masking recommendation above.

Fully vaccinated people should monitor for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) for 14 days following an exposure.

Fully vaccinated people with no COVID-19-like symptoms and no known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19

It is recommended that fully vaccinated people with no COVID-19-like symptoms and no known exposure should be exempted from routine screening testing programs, if feasible.