Bluefield State College COVID 19 Guidelines for School year 21-22

1. Prior to the start of the semester all Students/Faculty and Staff must present to the Bluefield State College Health Center to be COVID tested between August 2 through August 11. You must have a negative COVID test on file to be allowed on campus. The final date for submission will be August 16, 2021. You may have your test done at any facility however the test must be done after August 2, 2021, and it must be submitted to the Bluefield State College Health Center. You may send your results by email to bschealthcenter@bluefieldstate.edu or you may fax them to us at 304-327-4325. If you have been vaccinated and have your vaccination card, please bring this to the health center so that we may make a copy to be kept on file.

2. Masks are not required for the current academic year but are strongly encouraged. If a surge in positive cases occurs, the campus may return to mask wearing. Regardless of vaccine status, you are strongly encouraged to wear a mask, social distance, and handwash frequently.

3. Check-in for entering the campus will remain the same. Person(s) will report to the check-in desk, answer the questionnaire, have their temperature taken, and be given a wrist band for the day. It is mandatory to wear the wrist band while on campus.
   a. During check-in if your temperature reads 99 degrees or above, you will be asked to sit for 10 minutes. After 10 minutes, your temperature will be taken again. If your temperature continues to read 99 degrees or above, you will be asked to go to the Bluefield State College Health Center located in the Ned Shott Building Room 210 to be evaluated. Once evaluated the Nurse Practitioners on Staff will give you further directions.
   b. Upon check-in you will be asked a question regarding travel. If you have traveled more than 150 miles from campus within the last 14 days, please answer the question “yes” and tell the check-in worker where you have traveled. You will be contacted by a representative of the Bluefield State College Health Center if you have traveled to an area that has been deemed as high risk for COVID. Further instructions will be given by the Nurse Practitioner.

4. If you have a primary exposure outside of campus (in close contact 15 mins or more), you must notify the BSC Health Center and you will be given further instructions.

This process has been developed following CDC guidelines and input from the B-State’s Back Committee and is subject to change based on updates from the CDC.

If you have any questions regarding this process, contact the BSC Health Center Monday through Friday from 9-5 at 304-327-4170 or bschealthcenter@bluefieldstate.edu.

The campus COVID rates are being monitored daily, and further interventions will be placed as needed to keep the campus community as safe as possible.