

Fall 2021 COVID-19 Response FAQs

Does the College require vaccinations?

The College does not require students or employees to be vaccinated. However, some clinical and intern sites may have placement requirements depending on the nature of the work done at those sites.

Why does the College require masks only in classrooms, labs, and small meeting rooms?

Based on CDC guidance, wearing masks in smaller spaces helps decrease the opportunity to spread the highly transmissible Delta variant. While indoor activities pose a low risk to those who are fully vaccinated, those individuals can still experience breakthrough infections and unknowingly transmit COVID-19 to others. Individuals should continue to practice physical distancing.

Why do I have to wear a mask in classrooms, labs, and small meeting rooms but not in hallways/common areas?

Hallways and common areas are large, open spaces with more airflow; therefore, there are decreased opportunities to spread COVID-19 in these spaces. Individuals should continue to practice physical distancing.

Do I need to continue physical distancing?

Individuals should continue to practice physical distancing.

What do I do if I have been or think I have been exposed to COVID-19?

Anyone who thinks they have been exposed to COVID-19 should notify their health care provider for guidance,

- Employees should notify Campus Safety and HR.
- Students should self-disclose to their instructor and Campus Safety.

An investigation and assessment of risk will be conducted before a decision can be made regarding return to campus. For employees, any work from home arrangements will be approved by the supervisor in partnership with HR. All investigations are confidential.

What do I do if I am showing symptoms of COVID-19?

If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or are sick, please notify your immediate supervisor or instructor and stay home. You should monitor your symptoms and notify your health care provider for guidance.

What should I do if I test positive for COVID-19?

Employees should notify their direct supervisor, Campus Safety, and HR. Students should self-disclose to their instructor and Campus Safety. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are not permitted to return to campus until they receive a negative test result or are released by their health care provider. You may continue to work from home only if approved by your supervisor and HR.

Do I need to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19?

Fully vaccinated individuals: wear a facemask in all indoor public settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result

Unvaccinated: quarantine for ten days without testing or seven days after a negative test on day five or later

How do I access COVID-19 testing?

BTC Campus Safety and Security Office has take-home testing kits available. In addition, testing locations are available throughout the community. Visit Rock County Public Health Department website for more information at www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth.

How do I access the FREE COVID-19 vaccine?

There is a DHS vaccine clinic on BTC's Central Campus. For current clinic hours or more vaccine locations, visit rockcountyspot.com.

Are we allowed to have food and drink in classrooms or labs?

No. Please eat and drink in designated spaces on campus that allow for better airflow and physical distancing.