

Pilots Navigating Together



FALL 2021 Update

As we continue to receive timely COVID-19 updates and guidance from local and state health officials, describing a recent increase in cases and details about the Delta variant, some adaptations to our fall operational plans are needed.

We continue to recommend, but not require, the COVID-19 vaccination for our community members. While honoring this individual choice, we also recognize this latest variant is more contagious and can be carried by both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals. Additionally, our community is comprised of members from many different regions with varying levels of the COVID-19 virus. Considering these factors, the use of face coverings in some settings may play a valuable role in minimizing spread of the virus on our campus.

We plan to begin the semester at our Blue COVID-19 Risk Level, with the following guidelines:

- Masks are not required outdoors.
- Masks are recommended, but not required, in smaller settings at the discretion of participants. (*Offices, conference rooms, student lounges, etc. – the spacing, vaccination status, and personal health of participants may contribute to this decision*)
- Masks should be worn by all in large indoor gathering areas. (*Classrooms, chapel, dining locations when not eating or drinking, etc.*)
- Campus guests should wear masks in all indoor locations.
- Community members are expected to carry a mask at all times.

The following Blue Level protocols are in place:

- Community members should report COVID-19 concerns, exposure, and positive cases to the COVID Response Team (CovidResponse@BethelUniversity.edu).
- The use of isolation and quarantine procedures will continue.
 - Isolation - any individual positive for COVID-19 will need to isolate for 10 days.
 - Quarantine -

- Vaccinated individuals who are exposed may continue normal activities while watching for symptoms and wearing a mask.
- Unvaccinated individuals will need to quarantine for 7-10 days based on their health and test results.
- Vaccination status is understood by the information self-reported via the [campus vaccination log](#). If exposed, and vaccination information not provided, the community member will need to show proof of vaccination or complete the full quarantine duration.

These guidelines are in effect through September 6 (Labor Day), by which time we will provide an update based on a review of local trends and guidance from health officials.

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