

September 1, 2021 Update

We are grateful to be experiencing many instances of God's grace and favor on our campus this fall. We also need to call our community to increased attention and care for one another by prioritizing COVID-19 mitigation measures.

As you may be aware, COVID-19 cases continue to be on the rise in our region, and to some degree, within our campus community. Our current number of cases and potential for community spread warrant a change in our COVID Risk Level.

YELLOW – Moderate Risk

As of Sept. 1, 2021, we have moved to **Yellow COVID-19 Risk Level, with the following guidelines:**

- Masks are required for all individuals during large indoor gatherings. (*classrooms, chapel, indoor athletic/music/theatre events, and dining locations when not eating or drinking, etc.*)
- **Community members need to carry a mask at all times.** (Following Labor Day, Sept. 6, disposable masks will no longer be provided at events, and must be worn by individuals as they enter a large gathering.)
- Masks are recommended during smaller indoor gatherings. Participants should determine what is appropriate based on the ability to space and individuals' health status. (*Offices, conference rooms, student lounges, etc.*)
- Where possible, hosting campus gatherings outdoors or with additional indoor space is advised.
- Campus guests are required to wear masks in all indoor locations. (Further guidance related to campus guests will be provided as needed.)

Please review the following campus protocols and resources:

- Community members need to report COVID-19 concerns, exposure, and positive cases to the COVID Response Team (CovidResponse@BethelUniversity.edu). Guidance on campus attendance will be provided based on circumstances.
- Testing Options:
 - Campus testing is available at the Wellness Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings by appointment. The cost is \$35, which can be submitted to insurance. Appointments can be made through Student Life (574.807.7217) or the Wellness Center (574.807.7123).
 - Local testing is available at CVS (210 S. Main St., Mishawaka) by appointment. This testing is free, but may require a wait time (<https://cvs.com>, 574.259.1130).

- Vaccination status and recently recovered information can be updated 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.
- Local vaccination locations are [listed on our website](#).

These guidelines are in effect through Oct. 1, 2021, by which time we will provide an update based on a review of local trends and guidance from health officials.



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