

## *Spring COVID-19 Update*

As we head into the spring season, we are encouraged to share with you that we will remain at our **BLUE COVID-19 Risk Level**. Cases prior to break remained low, and we are hopeful this trend will continue through the remainder of the spring semester.

## **BLUE LEVEL**

We want to inform you about the following change related to campus COVID-19 quarantine practices. While the COVID Response Team will continue to monitor cases, close contacts who remain symptom free will not be required to quarantine. However, close contacts are expected to follow the guidelines listed below. The University will continue to watch for clusters, and if identified, close contacts may be expected to quarantine. Individuals who test positive are asked to communicate with close contacts so they may watch for symptoms and follow the guidelines below.

### **Isolation/Quarantine Guidelines**

For Those Who Test Positive:

- Isolate for 5 days
- Return to regular activities on day 6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving, and continue to mask for 5 additional days

For Those Exposed:

- Regardless of vaccination status, if asymptomatic, wear a mask and continue regular activities; test on day 5 if possible
- If symptoms develop, follow isolation guidelines

### **The following campus protocols and resources remain in place:**

- Community members need to report COVID-19 concerns and positive cases to the COVID Response Team ([CovidResponse@BethelUniversity.edu](mailto:CovidResponse@BethelUniversity.edu)). Guidance on campus attendance will be provided based on circumstances.
  - Campus testing is available at the Wellness Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings by appointment. The cost is covered by Bethel's health insurance, or \$35, which can be submitted to other insurance providers. Appointments can be made through Student Life (574.807.7217) or the Wellness Center (574.807.7123).