

Boston University Human Resources

TO: All Faculty and Staff
FROM: Amanda Bailey, Vice President for Human Resources
DATE: November 10, 2021
SUBJECT: Thanksgiving Break COVID-19 Compliance Guidance

Dear Colleague:

With Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, I am writing today to share some guidance about holiday travel and to clarify COVID-19 testing and health attestation expectations for faculty and staff.

COVID-19 Compliance

- COVID-19 compliance will be monitored during the Thanksgiving holiday. You should make every effort to fulfill testing requirements, regardless of travel plans. However, if you are unable to do so, there will be no repercussions if you are temporarily non-compliant during the period from Wednesday, November 24, 2021 through Sunday, November 28, 2021.
- In order to resume your regular testing cadence of one test every seven days, you may want to schedule an additional test during the first week after the holiday so you may be able to continue weekly testing on the same day going forward.

Travel and Testing

- If you plan to travel for Thanksgiving recess, we strongly recommend completing a COVID test immediately upon your return to campus at the BU Collection Site. Please contact Healthway at healthwayhelp@bu.edu if you have any non-medical questions about scheduling an appointment.
- More people will be testing upon return to campus and early in the week following the Thanksgiving break, and therefore results will take longer than usual. Schedule early as appointments will fill up!

Healthway Holiday Hours and Reminders

- Collection sites will close at 12 noon, Wednesday, November 24, and will reopen at 8 am, Friday, November 26.

- Healthway will be closed Thanksgiving Day. For urgent medical needs on Thanksgiving Day please contact your PCP's office.
- You are not required to complete the daily health screening during the Thanksgiving holiday (Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26), or during the weekend unless you are scheduled to work or return to campus for any reason on those days.
- Monitor closely for symptoms. If you feel ill, stay home and away from family members that may be more at risk for severe disease.

If you have not already done so, you may also want to review the [Mid-Semester COVID Report](#) from Dr. Judy Platt, Chief Health Officer and Executive Director for Student Health Services for additional information.

Have a safe, healthy, and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday!

Sincerely,

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