



# **Boston University Metropolitan College (BU MET)**

## **ISSO Student Forum**

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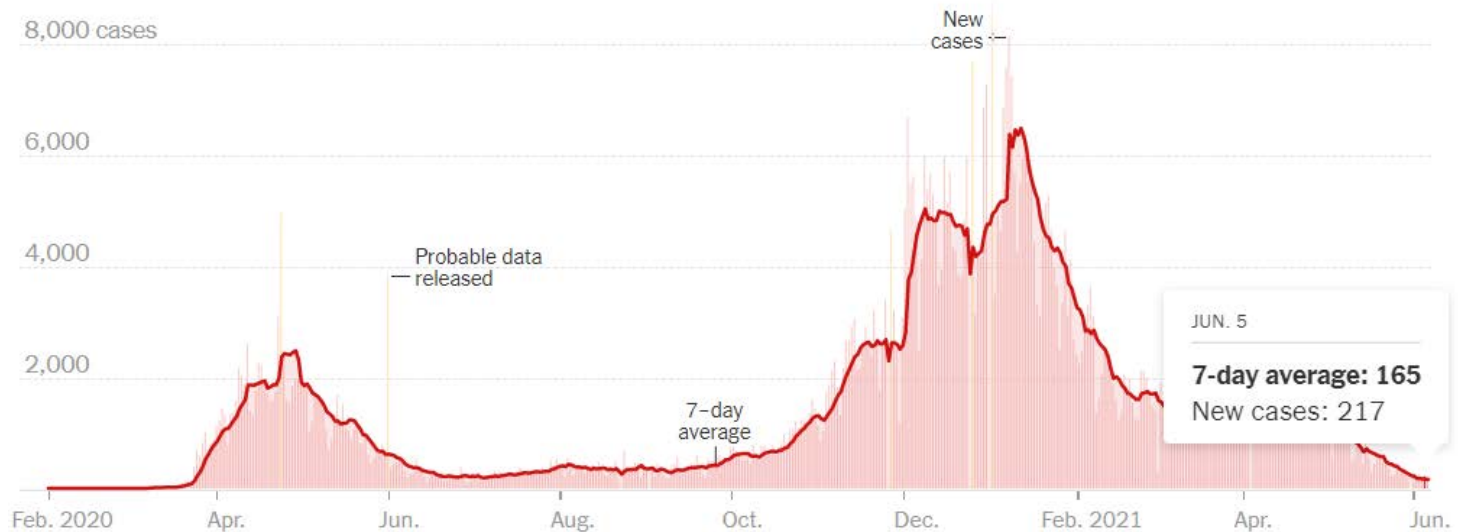
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# Fall 2021: *A return to normalcy...*

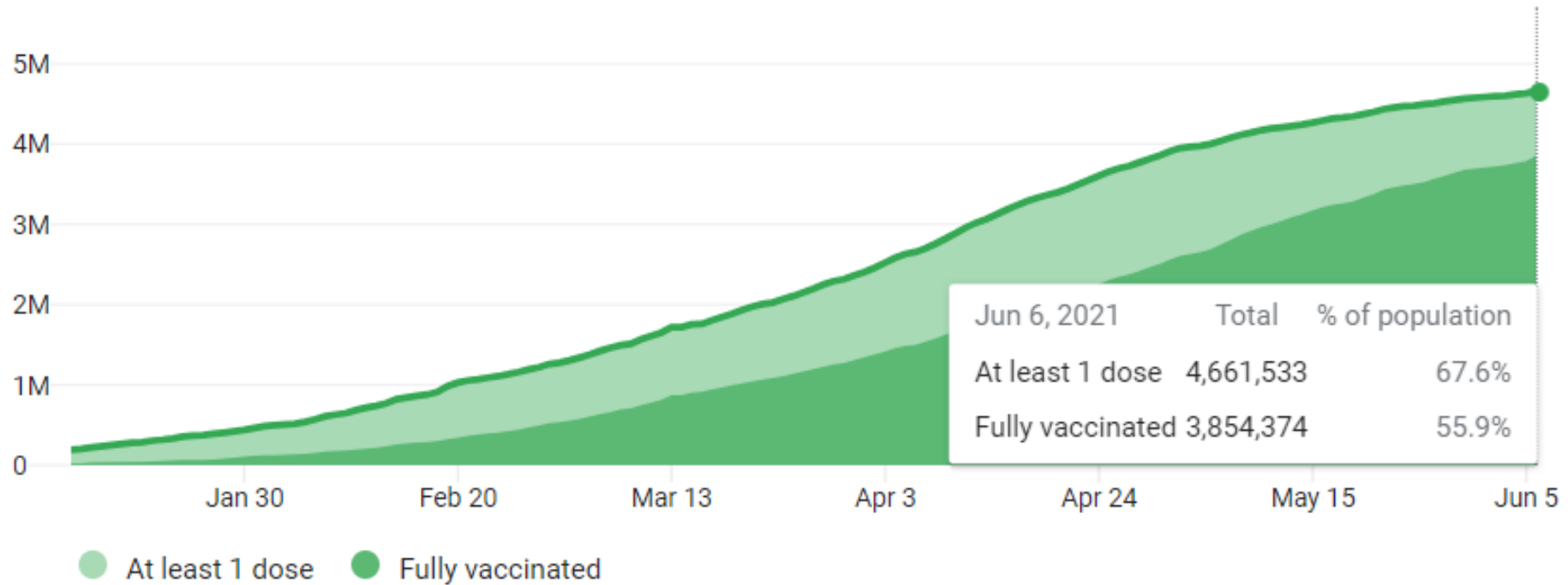
The New York Times

## Tracking Coronavirus in Massachusetts: Latest Map and Case Count

### New reported cases



# Fall 2021: *A return to normalcy...*



This data shows how many people have received at least 1 dose of a vaccine. People who are fully vaccinated may have received more than 1 dose. · [About this data](#)

# Fall 2021: *A return to normalcy...*


- Phasing out “Learn *from* Anywhere” remote modality
- Full return of on-campus courses
- Continued COVID-19 protocols, including:
  - COVID-19 testing (*FREE in BU facilities, results within 24 hours*)
  - Medical intervention/contact tracing for confirmed cases
  - COVID-19 symptom monitoring
  - Indoor Face Mask requirements in BU Buildings
  - “Green Badge” from testing/symptom check to enter classrooms
- COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for all students
  - US FDA authorization not required
  - Students may opt for vaccinations in Boston upon arrival (*currently available & being supplied for entire BU Community*)
  - Questions can be directed to [healthwayhelp@bu.edu](mailto:healthwayhelp@bu.edu)
- Full information in “Back2BU” guide: [www.bu.edu/back2bu](http://www.bu.edu/back2bu)

# Next Steps

- **Accept your offer of admission** in Personalized URL or via email
  - *NO enrollment deposit required*
  - *Will receive 'next steps' instructions within 1-3 days*
- **Submit immigration documents:**
  - [International Student Data Form](#)
  - *Authorized financial statement*
  - *Copy of current I-20 and I-94 (if applicable)*
  - *Letter of financial support*
- Set up your BU Email (Kerberos) Account & [register for courses](#) thru your [Student Link Account](#)
  - **NOTE:** *Online courses denoted with the letter "O". Please talk with your academic advisor before enrolling in online courses*

# BOSTON UNIVERSITY Student Link




Welcome to the Student Link... your link to your records at Boston University. If you are a new user, please check out Getting Started in the Basics area. Menu items listed in italics are public; all others require a BU Login Name.

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Summer 1 2018 no reg activity  
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Summer 2 2018 no reg activity  
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Fall 2018 no reg activity  
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# Living in Boston:



- [BU Off Campus Housing Services](#)
- [BU Real Estate](#) (on campus housing)
- Guide to [Boston Neighborhoods](#)
- [Transportation](#)

# Health & Wellness:

HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Massachusetts Ranked No. 1 Healthiest State on National Community Well-Being Index

BU and Sharecare researchers say the best and worst ranked states closely correlate with 2020 presidential election results

- Student Health Services
  - Health Requirements Guide
  - Must submit immunization records (See Immunization Compliance)
  - Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)
- BU Fitness & Recreation Center (FitRec)
- Additional BU student resources



A photograph of three people sitting in a row, looking towards the left. In the foreground, a young woman with dark hair tied back is resting her chin on her right hand, looking thoughtfully towards the left. Behind her, a woman with light hair is also looking left. In the background, a man is visible, slightly out of focus. The setting appears to be a bright, modern interior with large windows.

# **MET Admitted Student Webinar – ISSO Update**

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

# Introduction to the ISSO

- International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO)
- Professional team of student immigration experts to assist you throughout your academic program
  - Maintain immigration records and documents
  - Guide you through visa processing and advise you on travel
  - Assist with employment authorizations & applications
  - Educate and advise you to maintain your student immigration status
- Check out our website frequently for guidance and updates:

[www.bu.edu/isso](http://www.bu.edu/isso)



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# What can new MET admits do now?

- Accept your offer of admission & provide required documentation to MET so we can issue your immigration document to begin your visa application
- Register for full-time coursework (a minimum of 12 credits)
- If you are outside of the US:
  - Follow steps on the visa application guidelines forwarded with I-20 to initiate your visa application
  - Check the website of the U.S. Embassy or Consulate nearest to you to schedule a visa appointment:

<https://www.usembassy.gov/>



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# Visa Processing Challenges during COVID

- US Department of State reports 160 of 223 consular posts processing some nonimmigrant visas with 63 posts closed for emergencies only
- US Consular posts in China resumed processing in early May
- Processing other posts varies week to week depending on local COVID situation and visa backlogs
- Required in-person visa appointment waived temporarily for some visa renewals versus first time visa applicants
- Students should continue to follow instructions from their specific consular posts and advocate for emergency appointments (if possible)



# Travel during COVID

- Country-specific COVID restrictions on direct travel to the US within 14 days from Brazil, China, India, Iran, Ireland, South Africa, UK & 26 Schengen countries remain in place
  - Students with valid F-1 visas automatically National Interest Exemption (NIE) exempt if travelling from 26 Schengen countries, UK, Ireland effective immediately
  - Students with valid F-1 visas will automatically qualify for National Interest Exemption (NIE) if travelling from Brazil, China, India, Iran South Africa, Ireland & UK only after August 1, 2021 for fall study





# Finalize your travel plans

- Make travel plans once you have a valid F-1 student visa
- Fall semester begins on September 2, 2021
- I-20 dates matter - new students should pay close attention to *Program Start Date* and *Earliest Admission Date* on your I-20 as you can only enter the US a maximum of 30 days in advance and not a day later
- Be on the lookout for invitation to ***First Class*** in early July
- Complete ***Initial ISSO check-in*** after you arrive in the US



# Where can I find more information?

- ISSO News Web Page

<http://www.bu.edu/isso/news>

- US Department of State visa information

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>

- Study in the States

<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov>



# Orientation & Onboarding

## New Student Orientation (*being held ONLINE*)

Mon. Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 AM:

*All Students EXCEPT Business/Management students*

Tues. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 9-11 AM:

*Business/Management students*

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# Enrollment Options

- **On-Campus Full-Time on a Visa** (*3-4 courses for Fall semester*)
- **For some programs, there an option to begin your program EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE (NO Visa provided) for Fall '21**
  - *Part-Time = 1-2 courses, Full-Time = 3-4 courses*
  - *Courses are offered in an accelerated pace over 7-weeks (Fall 1 & Fall 2 online terms)*
- **Defer to a future term**
  - Can defer right up until Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Can defer to Spring (Jan), Summer (May), or Fall (Sept) 2022
  - Must complete [BU MET Deferral Form](#)
- **Program change requests must be made directly to Academic Dept.**  
***Program of acceptance must match I-20.***

# Additional Resources

- BU Graduate Student Resources: [www.bu.edu/grad](http://www.bu.edu/grad)
- Metropolitan College Current Student Site:  
[www.bu.edu/met/for-students/](http://www.bu.edu/met/for-students/)
- **Admitted Student Event Recordings**  
*(including conversations with Faculty, Students, & Alumni)*
  - [Administrative Sciences \(Business/Management\)](#)
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  - [Actuarial Sciences, Arts Administration, City Planning/Urban Affairs, Criminal Justice, & Gastronomy](#)



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