## BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OFF-CAMPUS & HYBRID PROGRAMS (OCHP) BEDFORD, CAPE COD, FALL RIVER AND WORCESTER CAMPUSES

## **COVID-19 Information & Resources for Students**

#### Boston University Covid -19 Information

## Boston University COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

The best ways to protect yourself and others against severe COVID-19 infections is to stay up to date with <u>COVID-19 vaccines</u>, wear a mask in crowded, indoor spaces, and test if you are not feeling well. We will be transitioning from a university COVID-19 vaccination mandate to a tiered vaccination policy.

- **COVID-19** <u>General</u> Population Vaccination Policy: We strongly recommend that everyone remain up to date with all <u>CDC COVID-19 vaccination recommendations</u>.
- **COVID-19** <u>Clinical</u> Population Vaccination Policy: All faculty, students, and staff who provide direct patientfacing healthcare will be **required** to provide documentation of a COVID-19 primary series and booster or submit a religious or medical waiver.

#### Masking

Masks remain **required in all healthcare** spaces at Boston University until further notice. Our masking policy is currently aligned with the <u>Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 mask requirements</u>. We continue to recommend masking inside your home if you or others in the home are not feeling well or if you have <u>underlying medical conditions that place you at a higher risk</u> for severe COVID-19. We continue to encourage the use of high-quality masks (such as N95s, KN95s, KF94s, and FFP3/2s) that cover the nose, mouth, and chin and <u>fit securely</u> to reduce the risk of viral transmission.

- For more information about COVID-19, students can visit the Student Health Services COVID-19 website.

#### COVID-19 Testing

Testing is available and should be utilized if someone has symptoms or a known exposure to someone who tests positive. For info go to: <u>https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing</u>

- Local resources (healthcare provider, Board of Health, and free testing options) can provide guidance around the need to be tested or quarantined/isolated.

#### Quarantining and Isolation Guidance

The <u>Massachusetts Covid Protocols</u> and the <u>Boston University's Quarantine & Isolation Protocols</u> will guide you through the steps to take if you have symptoms, are a close contact or test positive.

# Students Unable to Attend Class due to Covid-19

Please inform your instructor and Program Director prior to class if unable to attend due to a need to quarantine or isolate. Your instructor will collaborate with you on a case-by-case basis to determine the best way to manage the missed course content.

#### Returning to Class After Covid-related Absence

Students may return to class after following the recommendations of their medical provider or local Board of Health regarding the need to be tested and/or quarantine/isolate. Please continue to communicate with your instructor and Program Director regarding your absence.

Boston University Health & Wellness Resources

- <u>Student Wellbeing</u>
- Health Promotion & Prevention

- Behavioral Medicine 617-353-3569 (24/7 on-call)
- <u>Sexual Assault Response & Prevention Center</u>

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