

## The Path Forward: Committing to Community

At Bay Path, our community is everything. Our students, faculty and staff form a special, supportive culture that's here to make sure our students can learn, grow and thrive both on campus and off. We strive to create an environment of respect—for our students and for those devoted to teaching and serving them. As we envision returning to our campus community in the fall, it is critical that we uphold this principle of respect. More than ever, we realize that learning, living, teaching and working together makes us all responsible for keeping each other safe and healthy.

In order to ensure the health and wellbeing of Bay Path's students, faculty and staff, we are asking each member of our community to sign our Commitment to Community, acknowledging the shared responsibility we have to one another as we move forward through this challenging time. Campus will look different in the fall, but the commitment we have to one another—whether as classmates, colleagues, learners or educators—is the same.

By signing this document, each of us promises to abide by federal, state and local guidelines and additional practices and protocols put in place by Bay Path University developed to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Please carefully read and be prepared to sign the following pledge:

I recognize that, based on public health circumstances, guidance and protocols will likely change, sometimes abruptly. I agree to keep myself informed and to follow any new guidance and protocols.

### **I commit to:**

- **Staying informed:** I commit to reading all public health information that the University shares with me.
- **Protecting myself and the Bay Path community:** I commit to wearing a mask, maintaining physical distance, frequent handwashing and adhering to safety measures posted on campus.
- **Sharing my status:** I commit to participating in a health registry, charting my daily temperature, testing and alerting the University of any changes in temperature, potential symptoms or known contact with COVID-19. In addition, I will adhere to isolation and quarantine instructions from the University should I test positive or have known contact.
- **Respecting our campus guidelines:** I commit to abstaining from attending large gatherings or lectures, obeying a staggered schedule for the use of workspaces and resource centers, accessing buildings from a single entry point using my Bay Path ID, obeying procedures for virtual meetings and appointment making with campus services, and maintaining enhanced cleaning protocols.
- **Complying with currently published local, state, and national guidelines** by avoiding travel and activities that are commonly understood to increase my health-related risk, and therefore the health of other members of my Bay Path community.

I understand that by signing, I am committing to a collective effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and doing my part to keep my community safe.

***“We all share and accept the responsibility for keeping ourselves and each other healthy.”***