THE PATH FORWARD

FALL 2021 CAMPUS OPENING

As of August 1, 2021, Bay Path University will welcome faculty, staff, and students back to the Longmeadow campus. Our decision is based on current public health information and the significant reduction in COVID-19 cases reported at both the local and state level, as well as the University’s continual commitment to our guiding principles that have ensured the health and well-being of our entire community.

We look forward to holding in-person undergraduate and graduate classes, prospective student tours, athletic games, events, and other activities. While we greatly anticipate reopening our physical campus, the pandemic has also taught us how to leverage technology to ensure our learning and working environments are accessible and inclusive, and we will continue to accommodate and incorporate those at a distance into our community.

As we navigate our way to this new normal, our COVID Task Force will remain operational, monitoring the pandemic and responding with the appropriate measures. Although much success has been achieved against this unprecedented pandemic, please be aware that new developments with COVID-19 may require the Task Force to implement a change in protocols and plans. Consistently, Bay Path’s greatest strength as a community is rooted in the most basic of human qualities: care, responsibility, and empathy. In the coming months, by working together, we will be able to secure a safe and rewarding learning and working experience for all.

QUESTIONS? Send all inquiries to: covid19info@baypath.edu

VACCINE MANDATE

All undergraduate and graduate students, and employees who will be on campus on or after August 1st will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Once fully vaccinated, students and employees shall provide Bay Path with proof of their COVID-19 vaccination by visiting https://my.baypath.edu. The process to upload the vaccination card to the My Bay Path portal is easy and quick.

Employee Exemptions

Employees who decline the vaccination must provide a Medical or Religious Exemption Form no later than July 26, 2021. Completed medical exemption forms should be sent directly to Deb Baker, Director of Health Services at dbaker@baypath.edu.
Religious exemption forms, once competed by the requestor, will automatically be forwarded to Javier Padilla, Assistant Vice President and Director of Human Resources.

Medical and religious exemption forms can be found on the My Bay Path portal under the Welcome page.

**Student Exemptions**
Students who decline the vaccination must provide a Medical or Religious Exemption Form no later than July 26, 2021. All student medical exemption forms must be sent to Deb Baker, Director of Health Services at dbaker@baypath.edu.

All student religious exemption forms, once completed by the student, will automatically be forwarded to Anne Chapdelaine, Dean of Students.

Medical and religious exemption forms can be found on the My Bay Path portal under the Welcome page.

**COMMON AREAS**
Beginning August 1st, all common areas will return to normal density based on the capacity of each indoor space.

Facilities staff will continue using approved disinfectants and will provide daily cleaning of all common areas, offices and classrooms. Additionally, facilities staff will frequently clean all bathrooms, classrooms and high-touch areas throughout the day. Hand sanitizing dispensers have been distributed broadly across campus.

**Mills Theater and other large indoor gathering areas:** Capacity limits will be determined on a case by case basis. Requests should be submitted to the COVID Command Committee, attention: John Stankiewicz at jstankiewicz@baypath.edu

**TRANSPORTATION/VAN SHUTTLE**
Beginning September 7th, Bay Path University shuttles will resume normal operations with full seating capacity. Safety protocols, including daily disinfecting of vehicles and required mask wearing for all riders and drivers will continue at this time.
BRECK FITNESS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Beginning September 7th, access to the Fitness Center will be available at pre pandemic capacities to those with a valid university ID. Hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 10:00 PM, Saturday-Closed, Sunday 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM. Alumni can access Breck Fitness Center after providing vaccination status via the portal, and with a valid Bay Path ID (contact Vicki Braim at vbraim@baypath.edu).

BLAKE DINING COMMONS & CARPE DIEM CAFÉ

The Blake Dining Commons and The Carpe Diem Café will be operating at full capacity with normal dine-in service. Outside seating for grab-and-go will be available. Vending machines are strategically located throughout campus (including residence halls) and will be stocked and operational.

Blake Dining Commons

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Carpe Diem Cafe

- Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Ryan Center Cafe

- Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am - 2:30 pm
- Friday: 7:30 am - 11:00 am

HATCH LEARNING COMMONS/LIBRARY

Hatch Learning Commons will return to normal operations beginning Monday, August 2, including offering physical and virtual services on Saturdays. All other activities, schedules and densities will again be available to Bay Path students, faculty and staff at levels offered pre-COVID-19. Members of the local community and all other visitors will not be permitted inside Hatch Learning Commons unless they are accompanied by
someone with a valid BPU ID/access control card. Alumni can access Hatch Learning Commons after providing vaccination status via the portal, and with a valid Bay Path ID (contact Vicki Braim at vbraim@baypath.edu). Questions regarding access to the Hatch Learning Commons building can be directed to Peter Testori, Dean of Academic Support Services, Assistant Coordinator, Title IX at ptestori@baypath.edu

BOOKSTORE

The Fleming Bookstore will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm and on Saturday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

ID’S & BUILDING ACCESS

All buildings will continue to be secured 24/7. Access will only be available to those who have been issued a Bay Path ID/Access Control Card. All employees and students are required to continue to submit their daily symptom check in order to maintain card/ID activation.

RESIDENCE LIFE

Residence Halls: Housing will return to normal occupancy rates and all common areas and kitchens will be available to students.

Student Gatherings / Events: Student clubs and organization meetings, in-person student programming, and informal gatherings to take place with fewer restrictions on meeting size and physical distancing. This will offer opportunities for making social connections and enjoying college life outside the classroom.

Visitor/Guest Policy: In our continued efforts to protect the health and safety of our residential student population, visitors and guests will not be allowed in residence halls until further notice.

VISITORS

Guests and visitors will be allowed to attend university-sponsored functions. Additional safety precautions such as masking and social distancing may be required.

Campus tours for prospective students will resume to full capacity. If prospective students and their family members are not vaccinated, they must wear a mask and socially distance while on campus.
Vendors or suppliers invited by an authorized staff or faculty member to support or participate in educational or operational activities is permitted. Vendors and suppliers who are not vaccinated must wear a mask and socially distance while on campus.

All individuals (regardless of exemption) who are not vaccinated are required to wear a mask when indoors, and outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained.

**HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES**

**Vaccinated** students, employees and visitors are not required to wear face coverings while on campus.

**Unvaccinated** students, employees and visitors are required to wear face coverings indoors, and outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained. Unvaccinated students and employees are permitted to be on campus **ONLY** after receiving a medical or religious waiver. See “Vaccine Mandate” above.

Continue to wash your hands regularly, stay home if you are sick, and carry a mask with you at all times should you enter a space or situation where the risk of transmission increases for you or others.

As we progress towards normal operations, Bay Path will continue to prioritize the health and safety of the campus community by educating the community about vaccination safety and efficacy, providing information about vaccines, offering screening tests, monitoring breakthrough infections, maintaining a contact tracing program, and maintaining other health-based practices.

Thank you for your continued patience, flexibility, and resilience as we move forward in keeping our campus community safe and healthy.