



Return to Campus Fall 2021 FAQs

Bates Technical College will be a vaccinated campus beginning Fall Quarter 2021.

What does that mean?

Everyone who attends on-campus classes will need to attest to full vaccination status or vaccination exemption. Attestation and exemption forms are still to come and will be posted on this page when available.

If you require a medical, religious, or personal/philosophical vaccination exemption, you'll need to fill out a self-attestation form. If you choose an exemption you must agree to wear a mask on all Bates campuses.

What is the college's reopening plan?

- Bates Technical College is a vaccinated college. That means that all students, staff, and faculty must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Staff/Non-Teaching Faculty: By August 30, 2021, staff and non-teaching faculty will need to verify that they have been fully vaccinated unless they are claiming a medical, religious, or philosophical exemption.
- Teaching Faculty: By September 22, 2021, teaching faculty will need to verify that they have been fully vaccinated unless they are claiming a medical, religious, or philosophical exemption.
- Students: By September 22, 2021, students will need to verify that they have been fully vaccinated unless they are claiming a medical, religious, or philosophical exemption.

Will the college be using a hybrid model (a mix of online and in-person instruction) for most instruction and labs?

- The majority of college programs will be on-campus face-to-face or hybrid instruction.
- Select programs will continue to operate fully online.



Will the college require proof of vaccination to return to campus and/or enter buildings?

Yes, students, staff and faculty will need to verify that they have been fully vaccinated, unless they are claiming a medical, religious, or philosophical exemption.

- The college is in the process of developing a process to track submitted verifications.

What is the face-covering requirement on campus?

If you are a student or an employee who is not fully vaccinated or has chosen an exemption, you must wear a mask while on any of our campuses. Visitors and vendors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask while on any of our campuses.

Mask wearing is optional only for those who are fully vaccinated.

Masks are not required outdoors.

What is the social distancing requirement?

As a vaccinated college, there is no requirement for social/physical distancing. However, the college encourages three feet social distancing in consideration of others.

Will the college continue cleaning and disinfecting standards that were implemented for COVID-19?

The facilities and operations department will continue to perform daily sanitizing and disinfection cleaning throughout the college.

Will the college continue to require employees and students to complete SmartSheet Check-In and Check-Out forms for contact tracing?

No, effective August 2, 2021 students, staff, faculty, vendors and visitors will no longer need to fill out SmartSheets before coming on campus or leaving campus.



Will the college be fully open to the public? If so, what are the safety protocols that outside agencies, vendors and visitors need to follow?

Vendors and visitors will continue to check in upon entering the building.

Does reopening the college mean everyone will have to return to work on campus?

In an effort to support the needs of our college community, employees will be required to return to campus with some exceptions. Employees should check with their supervisor for clarity.

I'm a new student, where do I go on my first day?

Check Canvas and your Bates email, or contact your instructor for specific directions on where to go and what to do. You may find specific information on the [Lab Hours webpage](#).