

In accordance with CDC recommendations effective 6/4/21, Bolivar Technical College will utilize the following guidelines for COVID-19 management. (Centers for Disease Control, 2021)

1. Bolivar Technical College recommends vaccination for all students. Students can find a vaccination clinic [HERE](#).
  - a. Vaccination is not mandatory.
  - b. Bolivar Technical College's vaccine policy is driven by the vaccine policies of our clinical partners, the health of our students, and the needs of the communities we serve.
2. **All students:**
  - a. BTC students are encouraged to wash their hands and practice [respiratory etiquette](#).
  - b. Students should follow the handbook policies for attending class and clinical if feeling ill.
  - c. Students who have questions regarding COVID/ illness policies are encouraged to contact the school.
3. **Students who are unvaccinated:**
  - a. Unvaccinated students should mask at all times when indoors or in close contact with other individuals.
  - b. Exposure to a person who has COVID-19 should be reported to the school and testing is required within 24 hours of the exposure.
  - c. Students who experience symptoms of COVID-19 with no known exposure also require testing within 24 hours.
    - i. Information for testing can be found through the [Polk County Health Center](#).
  - d. Students required to quarantine must provide a written quarantine order with name, date, and quarantine start and release dates within 3 business days of positive result and quarantine order.
    - i. This documentation is required for excused absence.
    - ii. Student will continue with distance education.
4. **Students who are vaccinated:**
  - a. Vaccinated students are not required to mask, unless they are ill or have weakened immune systems. Proof of vaccination should be submitted to the front office.
    - i. Students with fever or other symptoms detailed in the policy, are required to follow the handbook policy for illness.

#### References

Centers for Disease Control. (2021, June 4). *Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs)*. Retrieved June 7, 2021, from [cdc.gov: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/considerations.html#print](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/considerations.html#print)

## Revised COVID-19 Protocol (Effective 6/14/2021)

- b. Vaccinated students that are exposed to a person positive for COVID-19 are not required to test or quarantine unless symptoms develop.
  - i. Students should report the exposure and monitor for symptoms for 14 days.
- c. Any student who develops symptoms of COVID-19 (even those vaccinated) are required to test within 24 hours.
- d. Vaccinated students who are required to quarantine based on testing or symptoms, will need to submit a written quarantine order with name, date, and quarantine start and release dates within 3 business days of positive result and quarantine order.
  - i. This documentation is required for excused absence.
  - ii. Student will continue with distance education.

### References

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