

# Bay Mills Community College



## **Bay Mills Community College COVID Response Guidelines**

BMCC has the responsibility to ensure the safety of all people on campus. BMCC will follow the Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC) Covid Response Plan, as well as consult with outside agencies such as BMIC and the local health departments to make health & safety decisions.

### **General Guidelines**

#### **Symptom Screening**

- Before arriving on campus each day, students, employees, and guests should screen themselves for COVID-19 symptoms as identified by the Center of Disease Control (CDC). Please visit the CDC website for specific information about when to stay home if you are ill: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/daily-activities.html>

#### **Masks**

- Masks are required to be worn in all public areas, for all persons on campus.
- Students should arrive on campus with a mask and wear it properly at all times.
- Students and instructors are required to wear masks during all indoor classes.
- Limited masks will be provided to students at hygiene stations placed at each entrance and at the receptionist desk.
- The mask policy is subject to change based on BMCC guidelines, health department recommendations, and current COVID-19 trends. BMCC reserves the right to be more stringent than those recommendations.

#### **Hygiene & Sanitization**

- Classrooms, public areas, and other common touch points will be sanitized throughout the day and cleaning will be performed nightly.
- Frequent hand washing is recommended.
- Hand sanitizer and hygiene stations are located throughout campus.
- Drinking fountains will be disabled, but bottle filling stations will be in use and will be sanitized regularly throughout the day.

#### **Public Areas**

- Masks are required
- Practice social distancing and avoid congregating in hallways, restrooms, or other small spaces.
- Student seating & studying areas will be available.
- Coffee pots, microwaves, and other appliances will be available.
- BMCC reserves the right to change these policies if necessary.

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## **Classrooms**

- Masks will be mandatory for all persons in the classroom, including instructors or presenters.
- Instructors may dismiss any student who arrives in class without a mask or facial covering.
- Instructors may dismiss any student who is visibly exhibiting symptoms of illness but will be flexible in alternative opportunities to attend class or complete assignments.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance of the classroom.
- Students are responsible for disinfecting their work station before and after use. Disinfectant wipes will be provided in each classroom.
- Plexiglass dividers are available upon request to your instructor.
- Whenever possible, social distancing shall be maintained in the classrooms and labs.
- Workstations will not be assigned, but it would be wise for students to use the same workstation every class period.
- No food in the classrooms.
- Refrain from sharing items such as pens, papers, books, personal items, etc.

## **Food & Meals**

- Meals may be provided by BMCC in the lower level.
- Staff handling food will wear masks and gloves at all times.
- Students will wear masks in the lunch area, until seated. Students may remove masks to eat. If the student leaves the table, they must put their mask back on.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided upon entering the cafeteria lunch room.
- Tables, chairs, and dispensers will be sanitized after the meal period.
- All social distancing guidelines will apply.

## **Guidelines for Students**

### **Isolation Areas for Students**

- In the event a student is exhibiting symptoms and needs to leave campus, the entrance vestibules in the Mikanuk Building have been designated as isolation areas that students may use until transportation arrives.

### **Staying Home or Self-Isolating when Appropriate**

- Generally, BMCC will suggest that students stay home and self-isolate when a student has been notified by a County Health Department (CHD) or a health provider.
- Instructors will be as flexible as possible with policies related to being absent from class or work.
- Students who are instructed to stay home by a County Health Department or other provider or self isolate should:
  - Notify their instructor immediately.
  - Take steps to attend class and/or submit assignments virtually.
  - Be aware of drop-dates and withdrawal dates should the student become unable to continue.

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- Students are responsible for staying in contact with their instructor, and completing assignments and other class requirements.
- It is strongly recommended that students take the necessary steps and acquire the necessary technology to best be prepared to attend courses virtually. Please visit the Student Success Center or the TRIO Department for assistance with technology needs.

## **COVID-19 Positive Cases**

- Students or guests who test positive for COVID-19 or are placed under quarantine due to primary contact are asked to report that information to their instructor or to BMCC's Human Resources Department.
  - Notifications will be made to students, faculty and staff of positive cases.
  - Privacy of the COVID-19 positive person will be strictly upheld.
  - Quarantine and isolation of impacted students will follow BMIC tribal guidelines and the recommendations of the Chippewa County Health Department.
  - Cleaning and sanitation of facilities will follow Tribal and CDC guidelines.
  - Plans and accommodations will be adjusted to incorporate distant/online learning and any other concerns that arise due to positive cases or persons presenting symptoms on campus.

## **COVID-19 Testing & Vaccinations**

- Bay Mills Health Center conducts free testing and vaccination appointments, which are open to the public. Appointments can be obtained by calling 248-5527.
  - Other Chippewa County test \ vaccination sites can be found here: <https://www.chippewahd.com/>
  - Luce & Mackinac County testing \ vaccination sites can be found here: <https://www.lmasdhd.org/>

## **In the effort to keep all students, employees, and guests safe, BMCC reserves its rights:**

- To update or change these guidelines as the current trends in cases and transmission rates change.
- To be more strict than the guidelines set by the Bay Mills Indian Community, County Health Departments, or the Center for Disease Control.
- To restrict students, faculty, staff, and guests from campus at any time.
- To change any and all policies without advanced notification.

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