

COVID-19 Campus Response Plan

Our College continues to closely monitor the ongoing COVID-19 situation to ensure the safety of our College communities and to maintain the continuity of our mission during this unprecedented time. We appreciate your cooperation as we have faced this situation together.

“In these times of what feels like utmost uncertainty, BridgeValley is united in supporting our students, faculty, staff, and community as we navigate our way through reopening our college and moving education forward.”

- Dr. Eunice Bellinger



Your health and safety are our top priority and are the principle drivers of our decision making. We value your input and have established a task force to review our COVID-related actions and to provide inclusive feedback from our constituents.

We expect every member of our College community to commit to the safety regulations outlined in this plan; they are intended to protect you and others. We know you'll have questions, and we'll work together to address them and get through this situation. If we as a collective can commit to these

actions, we can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and facilitate the on-campus experience that our College community desires.

Essential Safety Regulations and Expectations

Masks

- Masks are strongly encouraged on campus for unvaccinated people and remain optional for everyone else.

Maintain social distancing

- **All College community members should strive to maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet of separation.**
- This may continue to include working or learning on a remote basis, conducting meetings via a virtual method, scaled-size meetings and events, reducing building occupancy through staggered schedules, removing seats from shared spaces, modifying circulation patterns, and using alternative venues instead of indoor facilities.

Practice good hygiene

- All College community members must maintain responsible hygiene requirements.
- To protect yourself, wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when touching public surfaces.
- Do not touch your mouth, nose, or eyes, which can introduce the virus.
- Cover your face when sneezing or coughing (even when wearing a face covering).
- Limit touching shared surfaces to reduce the spread of the virus.

Monitor for illness and Stay home when needed

- To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of exposure, you must regularly monitor your personal health status. Prior to coming to campus, you should screen for the following COVID-19 symptoms and exposure (note that this list may change as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) identifies further symptoms):
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Headache
 - Muscle aches
 - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
 - Close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - New runny nose or congestion
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
- **You should not come to campus if you are ill or are experiencing ANY COVID-19 symptoms. You should notify your instructor/supervisor.**

- Some departments with unique risks associated with their activities may establish more stringent access controls, including daily temperature checks before reporting to class or work.
- Students, faculty, or staff who become ill while on campus should return to their residence, self-isolate and avoid further contact with others. You should use a cloth face covering and follow CDC and Health Department guidelines.
- In accordance with the College's Communicable Disease policy, students should communicate diagnosis of COVID-19 to the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs. Employees should communicate diagnosis of COVID-19 to the Office of Human Resources. To simplify this process, students and employees may use the online reporting form at www.BridgeValley.edu/coronavirus These communications will be kept secure and may be used to assist the local health department with campus contact tracing if applicable.
- College Community members will follow the current CDC and local health department guidance for quarantine. At the time of this update, the guidance is:
 - Individuals diagnosed with COVID-19, either by a laboratory test or based on their symptoms, may return to campus when the individual is at least **10 days** from symptom onset, has had three days with no fever, and no symptoms.
 - Individuals having direct contact with a person testing positive for COVID-19 should follow current CDC quarantine guidelines as applied by the WVDHHR and local health departments.
 - Current CDC guidance indicates people **fully vaccinated** may refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic.
 - **Unvaccinated** individuals should follow the recommendations of your local public health department regarding reduced length of quarantine, including stopping quarantine:
 - After day 10 without testing
 - After day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later)

Academic Course Modality/Format

- Online courses that were already scheduled have not changed.
- Our traditional classroom-based courses and labs may be offered in-person or online depending on the recommendations by the Division.
 - Instructors may determine staggered schedules as needed to promote social distancing.
 - Classroom occupancy may be modified to allow for social distancing.
 - Individuals are expected to follow all safety regulations while on campus or in an arranged clinical setting.

Space and Sanitization

Sanitization

The College's facilities staff will operate in accordance with cleaning and disinfection protocols recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. Personnel will disinfect high-touch surfaces, including, but not limited to, doorknobs, water fountains, elevator panels/call buttons, stairwell handrails, and restroom fixtures. The methods in the facilities department protocols will be modified based on the specific conditions at impacted buildings, and as recommendations are revised by the CDC and public health agencies. Facilities personnel are required to wear appropriate protective equipment while using sanitizing supplies.

Hand sanitizing stations will be located at key areas within campus buildings.

Classrooms/Lab Space

Class sizes may be modified and arranged to create additional distancing between students. Do not rearrange classroom space to reduce proper social distancing.

Elevators

If you are using the elevator, avoid touching the elevator buttons with your exposed hand/ fingers, if possible. Maintain social distancing from other occupants and consider using the stairs if possible to allow for increased distancing. Wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer upon exiting the elevator.

Public Space/Common Areas

- Lobby and common area furnishings may be modified for appropriate social distancing.
- Hand sanitizers are installed in hallways and corridors.

Outside Contractors and Guests

Contractors and guests shall be required to follow the same standards applied to College students and employees and are required to follow safety regulations, including social distancing where possible and monitoring for illness.

Outdoor WiFi Hotspots

For students and employees without broadband internet connectivity, the College is offering WiFi access in specific parking lot areas. Spaces in the parking lots of the Advanced Technology Center (ATC) in South Charleston and Pathfinder Hall in Montgomery will have signs indicating which spots have access to WiFi. To login, students and employees should use their normal login

credentials. If there are any issues accessing WiFi, email helpdesk@bridgevalley.edu with your contact information.

Resources

Student Life

The Office of Student Life and the Student Government Association will continue to plan activities and ways to connect over the course of the semester, utilizing a variety of methods including social media and virtual methods. Check your college email to stay up to date on activities.

Mental and Emotional Well-being

Students:

If you are experiencing any personal problems or just need someone caring to talk to, the College offers short-term counseling and referral services. You can contact Counseling Services at 304-205-6706. All services are free to registered students and are confidential.

Employees:

Optum, part of UnitedHealth Group, operates an Emotional-Support Help Line. Professionally trained, mental health staff are there to support people who may be suffering from fear or stress created by COVID-19. Optum's Emotional-Support Help Line number is 866-342-6892 and will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The service is free of charge and open to all PEIA members.

Additional Information

For details about the College's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit:
<https://www.bridgevalley.edu/coronavirus>

For information about the State of West Virginia's response, call the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources information hotline at 1-800-887- 4304 or visit their website:
<https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>

For federal guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>

For directions for making, wearing, and cleaning cloth face coverings, see the CDC’s “Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19:”

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>