



Academic Year COVID-19 Recommendations for Off-Campus Students, 2020-2021

This document outlines recommendations for students living off campus at Boston College during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please read through it carefully.

Boston College plans to take measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Currently, these plans include:

- Increased cleaning and scheduled closings to disinfect common area spaces on campus; and
- Modified off-campus programming to adhere to applicable public health guidelines.

Off-campus students are recommended to take additional measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Adjusted guest expectation among tenants to ensure de-densification within off-campus apartments, with the recommendation that students do not allow guests at their apartments; and
- Off-campus student physical distancing and other personal hygiene practices, including the use of facemasks.

Health and Safety: All members of the BC community—students, staff and visitors—are expected to act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for the health and safety of those around them. Boston College students are required to abide by all University directives regarding COVID-19, including frequent handwashing, physical distancing, mask-wearing, and testing. This will also include abiding by specific requirements upon a student becoming ill, such as requirements for notification and contact tracing. Please refer to the Eagles Care Pledge for all student expectations aimed at protecting the health of our campus and surrounding community from risks related to COVID-19.

Self-Isolation: University Health Services will provide guidance to students with a suspected case of COVID-19 as well as close associates of those individuals.

- **Off-campus students deemed close contacts of an individual positive for COVID-19** are required to quarantine for at least 7 days, and are released having experienced no symptoms and having tested negative for COVID-19 on Day 5 or later after their last contact with the positive individual. These students may quarantine at home or at their off-campus address.



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Cleaning: Boston College Off-Campus Student living will educate and inform students on appropriate cleaning protocols within their off-campus apartments to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Students living in off-campus apartments are recommended to clean their space's common areas, bathrooms, living rooms, bedrooms, and kitchens thoroughly and regularly. It is incumbent upon the students residing in these units to purchase cleaning supplies and to maintain clean apartments for their own health and wellbeing, as well as the health and safety of the Boston College community.



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Community Guests: For the safety of themselves and the greater community, students living in on-campus housing will not be allowed to have guests (with the exception of parents and guardians) who live off campus. Out of the same safety concerns, students living in off-campus apartments are recommended to limit guests to those students who also live off campus, though hosting guests is discouraged outright. Social gatherings of any kind, including parties inside or adjacent to an off-campus apartment, are strictly prohibited. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct will be adjudicated through the University judicial system.

Physical Distancing: Physical distancing should be practiced when possible, and students are expected to abide by all University-established requirements. Off-campus students must apply this guidance to their apartments.

Termination: Boston College remains independent of all off-campus students' private landlord-tenant lease agreements. If the University requires classes be conducted entirely online, and any off-campus student voluntarily elects to leave their off-campus apartment, Boston College will not reimburse said student for the lease agreement's remaining balance.

Mitigation of Risk: We appreciate your understanding of the important role all students have in contributing to the safety and well-being of the campus community. Despite the measures you and the University may take to reduce the risk of COVID-19, the risk of contracting COVID-19 or another communicable illness cannot be eliminated. As such, off-campus students are encouraged to employ the recommendations listed above, and to comply with all University health directives to mitigate this risk.

