COVID-19 Testing and Move-In Appointments

This year’s move-in process will be drastically different from prior years, due to the policies and precautions needed to be taken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the Boston College community. We ask for everyone’s cooperation in helping to expedite the move-in process and to decrease the number of people in the residence halls at any given time.

The COVID-19 Testing and Move-In Appointment sign-up is now live and available to students. Students must sign-in using their BC credentials and follow the on-screen instructions. ALL students (whether during the traditional move-in time or early arrivals) will need to sign-up for a COVID-19 Testing and Move-In Appointment time by August 15. Your move-in slot will correspond with your COVID-19 testing appointment. You will not be able to move into your room without first being tested. Specific details on the testing location and the testing and health check app will be forthcoming.

- There are limited appointments for each day and residence hall, and they are on a first-come, first-served basis. Move-in times are on the half-hour from 8am - 6:30pm on most days.

- A testing and move-in appointment will consist of the following steps, in this order:
  - Park at your residence hall in preparation for unloading. If a parent, family member, or friend is accompanying you, they may begin unloading as space allows. If you are arriving via ride-share or train, you may drop belongings off at a designated cart check-out location for your area.
  - While your parent, family member, or friend remains with your belongings, you will proceed to your designated testing area to be tested for COVID-19. Only Boston College students will be allowed entry into the testing sites. Students will receive more information regarding specific testing locations in the coming weeks.
  - After you have been tested and received your wristband, proceed to the residence hall check-in site located near the testing location.
  - Return to your building to move your belongings into your room. During the move-in period, students will only be permitted to have one guest enter the building with them to help with the move-in process. This is designated to limit the number of people in the residence hall stairwells, elevators, and hallways. We ask that students move-in as quickly as possible and complete the process within 60-90 minutes.
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- Once your vehicle is unloaded and all items are in the residence hall, vehicles must be moved away from the residence hall unloading areas. Parking is available on the Newton or Brighton campuses, or one of the garages on main campus. To help de-densify residence halls and minimize risk to both students and parents, we ask that parents or other move-in helpers depart campus as soon as possible.

- Students may only select one testing and move-in appointment. (Only students with an approved early arrival will be able to select a testing and move-in appointment on early arrival days).

- Students arriving outside of their appointment time may not be able to check-in and move-in until the next available time. We cannot stress enough the importance of adhering to schedule times.

- In addition to the scheduled move-in days of August 28-29, students in Walsh Hall and Reservoir Apartments will be able to select August 24-27 for their move-in. No individual early arrivals for residents of these buildings will be approved for these days, and students wishing to arrive from August 24-27 should sign-up for a move-in time before appointments fill-up.

- All students and their guests must bring AND wear a mask at all times when in rooms, common spaces (halls, elevators, at check-in locations, stairwells, etc.), as well as when walking across campus.

- Students are to remain on-campus once they check-in. They must also maintain proper physical distancing protocols until they receive the results of their COVID-19 test. The test results will be available within 6-26 hours. In accordance with the Massachusetts governor’s executive order issued on July 24, students are expected to self-quarantine until they receive their test results.

As a reminder, all students received an email on July 2 with the move-in timeline, which can also be found on the Office of Residential Life Fall Opening website. For those needing an early arrival, the application is open until August 3 via the Agora Portal → My ResLife → WebForms → Transitions. Please follow the on-screen instructions and provide as much detail as possible to allow us to review the applications. There will be a limited number of individual early arrivals approved per day to allow for proper de-densification of move-in.

Further details regarding move-in flow, reminders, and your specific testing/check-in location will be communicated to students prior to the move-in. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, email transitions@bc.edu, visit the Reopening BC website, or the Office of Residential Life website for additional updates.