Happy New Year! We hope you are enjoying the winter break and we are excited to have you back on campus soon! Below you will find detailed information about testing and check-in processes for when you return to campus, so please read all of the below information thoroughly. It will be similar to the Fall process, which was successful due to all student cooperation, therefore we ask for everyone’s continued cooperation in helping us make this a smooth transition.

Please note that in addition to the procedures outlined below, an email was recently sent to the University community outlining the requirement that all students obtain a COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours prior to their return to Boston College this month. Students will need to email their test results to covidtesting@bc.edu. For those students unable to secure a PCR, an antigen test within 24 hours prior to their arrival to campus will be accepted. A picture of the results alongside their BC ID (in the same photo) should be sent to covidtesting@bc.edu. Students who test positive via either test must alert University Health Services and should not travel or return to campus until being cleared from isolation.

Check-In Appointment Time for COVID-19 Testing and Residence Hall Check-in

- ALL students will need to sign-up for a COVID-19 Testing and Check-in Appointment time. You will not be able to enter the residence halls without first being tested, receive your testing bracelet, and are checked into housing.
  - There are limited appointments for each day. This appointment is for both your COVID-19 test and your Residence Hall Check-In.
  - In addition to the required PCR test prior to coming back to campus, students will also be tested before being checked into their residence hall.

- To select your specific testing/check-in appointment time, please log into MyResLife through AGORA, and click on “Spring 2022 Testing and Check-In Appointments” located on the top menu bar.

- Access PINs for electronic doors will be reset over Winter Break and students will need to check-in with Residential Life staff in order to receive their PIN.

Check-In Location and Times

- Testing and housing check-in for all students will take place at the MAC Courts in the Connell Recreation Center. All students must enter through the back entrance of the building near Walsh Hall. Signage will be posted during move-in to help guide students to this entrance.

- Testing appointments will be available between 8:00am - 7:00pm on January 15th, 16th, and 17th.
Check-In Logistics

- Guests traveling with students (family, friends, etc.) will not be permitted inside the testing site.
- Baggage check will be available in the Walsh Function Room, which is located off the main entrance of Walsh Hall.
- **Students should arrive at the MAC Courts in the Connell Recreation Center with a mask and a completed BC Check (bc.edu/check).**

Parking/Transportation

- Shuttle service will be operating on their regular weekend schedule from Saturday, January 15th - Monday, January 17th.
- Lower Campus residents may park at their building while going to their Testing/Check-In Appointment.
- **Upper Campus, Newton Campus, and Reservoir Apartments residents may park in the Beacon Garage and then proceed to their Testing/Check-In Appointment.**
- All vehicles must be moved to either the Commonwealth Avenue Garage, the Beacon Street Garage, or Newton Campus parking lots once your vehicle is unloaded.

COVID Protocols

- **Masks and a completed BC Check are required for entry into the testing site.**
  - The University will institute a temporary masking requirement on campus whenever physical distancing cannot be maintained. This masking period will be from Friday, January 14, corresponding with the return of students, through Monday, January 31, 2022.
- If you are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms, do not travel to campus. Traveling while symptomatic may put others at risk for contracting COVID-19. Contact transitions@bc.edu to reschedule your move-in appointment for another day.
- Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are within 90 days from the end of their isolation **OR** 100 days from the date of their positive test will not need to be tested upon arrival. However, residential students will still need to schedule a Testing/Check-In appointment so that your exemption can be verified by UHS and you can then be checked into housing by a Residential Life Staff Member.
- If a student tested positive for COVID-19 through a test administered at Boston College, they do not need to upload a copy of their positive test results. **If the positive test was administered at another location, please make sure you have uploaded a copy of your positive result in the student health portal prior to arriving to campus.** Directions for how to upload COVID test results to the UHS portal can be found on the Spring Opening website. Questions regarding COVID-19 testing and exemptions can be directed to COVIDtesting@bc.edu.
• Guest registration will be suspended between Friday, January 14, corresponding with the return of students, through Monday, January 31, 2022. Non-Boston College visitors will not be permitted into the residence halls during this period.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email transitions@bc.edu or visit the Office of Residential Life Spring Opening website for additional updates.

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus soon!

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