



# BOSTON COLLEGE

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

The academic semester will begin on August 31, and Boston College once again intends to provide an environment that is respectful and welcoming of all, fosters intellectual and personal growth, and reflects our heritage and values as a Jesuit, Catholic institution. COVID-19 clearly poses special challenges, and requires all students, faculty, and staff to work together to protect the health of our campus and surrounding community and reduce risks related to the coronavirus. Jesuit education has long stressed the importance of care for others, which will be particularly important in the coming months to maintain our campus ethos and advance the common good.

It will be critical in the weeks ahead that students give focused attention to their health and follow government guidelines regarding COVID-19. In particular, we ask you to sign and commit to act in accordance with the following pledge, *Eagles Care*. Rooted in the Gospel imperative to “love your neighbor as yourself,” *Eagles Care* calls on students to take specific steps to safeguard their own well-being, others on campus, and the wider public.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William P. Leahy, S.J.

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William P. Leahy, S.J.  
President

Handwritten signature of David Quigley.

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David Quigley  
Provost and Dean of Faculties

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Joy Moore  
Vice President for Student Affairs

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Jack Butler, S.J.  
Haub Vice President for Mission and Ministry



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Given the reality of COVID-19, I pledge to act according to the following expectations:

- Engage each morning in a daily “self-check” to monitor for the symptoms of COVID-19, and to contact University Health Services if I have a fever of 100.4 F (38 C) or higher, dry cough, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell. (For the latest list of COVID-19 symptoms, see the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).
- Wash hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Keep personal items and spaces, and shared common areas clean.
- Take preventive measures to keep healthy, including vaccinations (e.g., seasonal flu).
- Participate in testing and contact tracing as required by the University and public health officials.
- If necessary, follow isolation and/or quarantine protocols as directed by UHS.
- Wear an appropriate face mask or covering as directed by the University.
- Maintain appropriate physical distancing and mask use in classrooms, dining spaces, residence halls, and whenever recreating on or off-campus, especially in the presence of those who may be especially vulnerable to the coronavirus because of age or health issues.
- Stay home or in my residence hall if feeling ill.
- Follow health protocols regarding COVID-19 when off-campus.
- Encourage peers to know and adhere to the *Eagles Care* pledge and government guidelines regarding COVID-19.
- Limit travel during the semester whenever possible.
- Be caring, sensitive, and helpful to anyone who may be troubled or struggling with such concerns as health, academics, and personal matters.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_