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## Boston University Office of the University Registrar



Welcome to the spring 2022 semester at Boston University. We are writing with helpful information and reminders to ensure you have a safe, healthy, and successful semester.

## **COVID Testing, Health & Safety**

During the spring semester, the University will test all students for COVID-19—regardless of vaccination status—when you arrive on campus, and throughout the semester. If you are attending classes on campus or coming to campus for any other reason, we expect you to adhere to our testing <u>requirements</u> throughout the semester, to remain in compliance with BU's policies.

Mask mandates are also still in place, and students should wear masks during all indoor University-related on-campus and off-campus activities.

Please pay close attention to communications from Healthway and review the Back2BU website closely. The University has detailed policies for vaccinations and boosters, how often you will need to test, self-monitoring and contact tracing, and all other COVID-19 related compliance and safety items outlined.



### **University Compliance**

Students are required to be fully vaccinated and have a booster shot, when eligible. All students must be compliant with the vaccination requirement before the start of classes, and compliant with the booster requirement, if eligible, by **February 4**. Once you have completed vaccination requirements, upload your vaccine documentation to the <u>Patient Connect Portal</u>.

Please also review the <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Booster</u> section of the Back2BU site. The University will notify you of compliance items throughout the semester, and you can review and address compliance items through the Student Link. **Students are expected** 

to be compliant with all University policies to remain in good standing, including being eligible to register for classes.

Review Your Compliance

#### Student Health and Wellness Resources

BU Student Health Services is offering many services to support your wellbeing this semester, including physical and mental healthcare, sexual health, resources for stress, substance use, and more. Remember your <u>Patient Connect Portal</u> is your one-stop 24 hours 7 days a week access to all health-related communication and messages.

For more up-to-date notifications on events and programming and helpful tips throughout the semester, follow them on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

Learn More

### **Graduate and Professional Student Support Services**

It is helpful to familiarize yourself with the other resources in place to support you. In addition to all you access locally in your school, college, or department, BU offers a variety of resources to support graduate and professional students. We encourage you to visit the <u>Graduate Education website</u>, BU's central website for the graduate and professional student community, and explore the Resource Finder tool to learn more about the support services available.

Resource Finder

## International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) Updates

International students are encouraged to review the current ISSO <u>travel advisory</u> and the general start of semester <u>reminders</u>. Review ISSO News or <u>ISSO services during COVID-19</u> regularly for updates. Contact your <u>ISSO advisor</u> with any specific questions.

ISSO News

# Other Helpful Links and Reminders

- Review the <u>spring 2022 semester dates</u> and add/drop schedule.
- Review <u>Health Info for International Students</u>. All students are required to have <u>health insurance</u> that is compliant with <u>healthcare laws in Massachusetts</u> and meets the U.S Affordable Care Act (ACA) minimum coverage requirements.

- The spring tuition payment deadline is February 2. Review the <u>Payment Deadline</u> and <u>Withdrawal and Tuition Refund</u> schedule. If you have questions, contact Student Accounting Services at <u>studenta@bu.edu</u>.
- It's never too early to take your career preparation to the next level.
  Visit <u>Graduate Education Career and Professional Development</u> to explore the career and professional development resources available to you as a BU graduate or professional student. This includes information about our University's career center, resources for master's students, PhD professional development, and a complete listing of our school and college career offices.

Thank you, and best wishes for a safe and successful spring semester.

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