

As Barton College returns to on-campus instruction this fall, its commitments to student learning and to the health and well-being of the campus community remain firm. Those commitments, coupled with the student vaccination rate and the spread of the delta variant, dictate that Barton adopt the following protocols for fall semester 2021. These protocols govern the opening of the semester. They may be adjusted later in the semester should conditions warrant it.

Fall Semester Opening Protocols

- 1.) Vaccinated students must prove that they are vaccinated by uploading vaccine information into the Magnus app prior to return to campus for fall semester.
- 2.) All students moving into the residence halls must show a clean Magnus daily screening taken on their move-in day, prior to admission to their residence hall room.
- 3.) At this time, all students, staff, and faculty must wear a mask indoors in congregate settings, i.e. classrooms, lobbies (including residence hall common spaces), theatres, sporting venues, student health center, the culinary center.
- 4.) Vaccinated persons will not be contact traced or quarantined unless they show symptoms and test positive for coronavirus.
- 5.) Unvaccinated persons who are close contacts to a positive case will be quarantined.
- 6.) Students who are placed into quarantine due to infection or contact-tracing are responsible for making up missed work just as they are in instances of other absences. Faculty are not required to provide pre-recorded lectures or synchronous remote learning to students who are in quarantine.
- 7.) Daily COVID symptom screening through the Magnus app is expected of all persons.
- 8.) Populations with herd immunity (verified vaccination rates about 70%) may be treated differently from the population as a whole when possible. Requests for herd immunity waivers should be sent to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- 9.) The college strongly recommends, and may in some instances require, vaccination for members of the campus community whose educational experience requires them to be in frequent contact with non-Barton persons in off-campus settings where virus spread could be common. For instance, nursing students may be required to be vaccinated because they work in clinical settings, student teachers may face the same requirement because they work in school classrooms.
- 10.) Classrooms will be set to social distancing.
- 11.) Indoor public venues will maintain social distancing appropriate to use and capacity.
- 12.) Masks are not required outdoors. Social distancing is not required outdoors in areas with free airflow.

- 13.) Outdoor venue capacities will match recommendations from the State of North Carolina.
- 14.) Unvaccinated student-athletes will be surveillance tested.
- 15.) All members of the Barton community traveling on behalf of the college will be expected to follow the stricter of the Barton or receiving location protocols. For instance, a community member traveling to a locale where vaccination is required would have to be vaccinated, even if the college had not required vaccination.
- 16.) Barton College will still provide accommodations for persons who are at-risk of coronavirus infection and who are not able to fully protect themselves from the risk via the vaccine and/or other actions. Such persons can request accommodations following the college's existing accommodation process.
- 17.) Barton College retains the right to adopt or disregard recommendations from public health, governmental, and other agencies based on the particular needs of the college.