

Metrics for Closing Campus Berea College Administrative Committee

The Administrative Committee (AC) has been charged by the Board of Trustees with decision-making as to the restart and continuation of on-campus instructional activities. This statement represents a draft outline of the likely decision points for consideration of terminating on-campus operations should that become necessary during the Spring 2022 Term due to the omicron or other variants. Please note that the AC may need to adjust these criteria according to any broader impacts of COVID-19 and other external circumstances.

All faculty offering in-person courses and staff working on campus, regrettably, will need to be ready on short notice to shift as much as possible to distance learning and/or remote work as occurred in March 2020 should the situation dictate.

The criteria for considering ending on-campus instruction are:

1. Our re-opening of on-campus instruction and work has always been premised on the expectation that by employing and enforcing public health guidelines in rigorous fashion, we will be able to operate safely on campus with individual cases not turning into outbreaks with community spread. **If this premise is found to be unsupported by actual experience during the Spring 2022 Term, the AC will consider whether to cease in-person operations on campus.**
2. The AC and Student Life are working to identify all suitable spaces for quarantining or isolating students—quarantine for 5 days for vaccinated, asymptomatic students and up to 10 days for symptomatic or unvaccinated cases. Students will be isolated until they receive medical clearance if they test positive for the virus. (Some students will also choose to quarantine at home.) **Should we come close to reaching our quarantine capacity, we would need to consider ceasing on-campus activities.**
3. Faculty teaching in person and staff working on campus who test positive will self-quarantine at home until cleared by a medical professional to return to work. (For these employees, if it is unworkable to quarantine at home, Human Resources staff will assist in determining an appropriate alternative.) **If at any given point we reach a positive current caseload that jeopardizes the College's ability to maintain safe campus operations, cessation of on-campus activities will be considered by the AC.**

Various extracurricular activities will continue to be available for residential students, including, for example, athletics. Separate metrics will be in place for continuation of these opportunities. **Typically, if and when a second positive case occurs for students engaged in that activity, the AC will consider suspension of that student activity.**

Please note that in the event of a positive test result on campus or in the community, the Madison County Health Department (MCHD) is responsible for handling contact tracing. Our

designated employees who serve as the primary liaisons to the MCHD will continue to assist that office with contact tracing to ensure that the process is handled expeditiously.

It is also expected that employees and students immediately report to Human Resources and Student Life, respectively, if they receive a positive test outcome, either as a result of the College's testing program or as a result of developing COVID-19 symptoms.¹

Questions or comments regarding this communication can be addressed to President Lyle Roelofs at roelofsl@berea.edu.

¹ (From the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>)

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea