

REBOUNding PLAN

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Introduction

On August 24, 2021 Governor Brown changed the COVID related requirements for the State of Oregon. Governor's Brown has reimplemented mask or face covering requirements and has directed Oregon's Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) to follow the guidance of local health authorities and the Center of Disease Control Guidance for IHE. Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) has issued this revision to their Rebounding Plan in order to comply with the Governor's directive.

1. Policy Statement

1.1. This policy is in effect for LBCC until further notice.

1.2. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in alignment with the Oregon Governor's requirements of the COVID-19 risk level health and safety precautions, and consistent with guidance from the Oregon Health Authority ("OHA") and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), and to comply with [OAR 333-019-1025](#), LBCC issues this update to our Rebounding Plan. This policy applies to all LBCC locations and serves its goal to help reduce the risk and spread of COVID-19, which is the disease that is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. This policy may be revised subsequently to align with federal, state, and local guidance and as LBCC's public health response evolves. When this policy differs from local, state or federal mandates, the more restrictive requirements apply. The definitions included in this policy is guided by OHA's and CDC's relevant definitions.

2. Reason for Policy

2.1. LBCC's policy is issued to contribute to the health and safety of the campus community during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and to align with federal and state regulations, executive orders, and guidance.

3. Scope & Audience

3.1. LBCC's policy applies to all employees, students, contractors, volunteers, and visitors on LBCC-owned or controlled property or engaging in campus activities while interacting in-person with others outside of their household.

3.2 Individuals who need accommodations or have special requests should contact the Center for Accessibility Resources (CFAR) at 541-917-4789.

4. Responsibilities & Procedures

4.1. Certain public health measures continue to be required by federal, state, and local laws in specific settings or for specific activities and programs, i.e. healthcare programs. See each program area for the specific guidelines. All individuals engaging in college activities or on college-owned or -controlled property should continue to comply with those laws and with Temporary AR [5095-06](#) and [5095-07](#).

4.2. Face Coverings. Consistent with the CDC's Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education and OHA's guidance for mask usage, LBCC requires faculty, staff, students, contractors, volunteers, and visitors across all LBCC locations to use face coverings when in indoor spaces with other people, regardless of vaccination status. Effective face coverings fully cover the nose and mouth. Face coverings are required to be worn and, in combination with other measures, such as physical distancing, proper hand washing, and vaccinations, help limit the transmission of COVID-19. All individuals are welcome to continue to wear face covering outdoors without disclosing the reason.

4.3. Physical Distancing. Consistent with the CDC's Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education, LBCC recommends faculty, staff, students, contractors, volunteers, and visitors across all LBCC locations who are not fully vaccinated to maintain physical distancing, both indoor and outdoor. All individuals are welcome to physical distance without disclosing the reason.

4.4. Symptom Screening. It is recommended that faculty, staff, students, contractors, volunteers, and visitors across all LBCC locations perform daily health screenings for infectious illnesses, including COVID-19, before leaving for campus, and to stay home when sick and seek medical care.

4.5. Contact Tracing. Faculty, staff, students, contractors, volunteers, and visitors across all LBCC locations are expected to promptly collaborate with local health officials and appropriate college personnel, to aid in disrupting the chain of transmission and prevent further spread of the virus in the college setting, and in the community. To aid in contact tracing all in-person classes will have attendance taken each time classes meet and all departments/divisions will keep a roster of employees who are working on campus, when they are on campus and their primary work location.

4.6. Quarantine and Isolation. Individuals who are instructed to quarantine or isolate should follow the recommendations of their health care provider or local health authority.

4.7. Notifications. Local public health authorities hold primary responsibility for contact tracing, which includes notification of those who have been exposed to an individual who has tested positive. LBCC is required to notify local public health authorities when employees and students test positive for COVID. Additionally, LBCC and OSHA has established a notification process to inform employees and students that they may have been exposed to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19. Per OSHA's notification process, the individual's identity will be confidential.

4.8. LBCC's Coronavirus Response Coordinators will be the Director of Human Resources and the Vice President of Finance and Operations, or their designees, they may approve limited exceptions and expansions to this college policy, where consistent with applicable executive orders or CDC Guidance. Approval of exceptions or expansion will be provided in writing. LBCC students, staff, and guests are expected to take personal responsibility to ensure the greatest public health and safety for themselves and others.

5. Definitions

5.1. Close Contact: Someone who was within 2 meters (6 feet) of an infected person for at least 15 minutes within a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic cases 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

5.2. Face Covering: a cloth, polypropylene, paper or other face covering that covers the nose and the mouth and that rests snugly above the nose, below the mouth, and on the sides of the face. Face coverings are not a covering that incorporates a valve that is designed to facilitate easy exhalation, mesh masks, lace masks or other coverings with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, or vents.

5.3. Face Shield: A clear plastic shield means a clear plastic shield that covers the forehead, extends below the chin, and wraps around the sides of the face (not recommended by OR OSHA or CDC because they are not effective in preventing the spread of COVID). Face coverings must be worn when wearing a face shield

5.4. Fully Vaccinated: A person who has received their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in a 2-dose series and at least two weeks have elapsed since the last dose (e.g., Pfizer or Moderna vaccines), or, a person who has received a single dose vaccine for COVID-19 and at least two weeks have elapsed (e.g., Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine).

5.5. Indoor spaces: anywhere indoors, including but not limited to public and private workplaces, businesses, indoor areas open to the public, building lobbies, common or shared spaces, classrooms, elevators, bathrooms, transportation services and other indoor space where people may gather for any purpose. An indoor space does not include a private residence or a private automobile being used for personal use and that is not used for ride sharing.

5.6. Masks: a medical grade mask.

5.7. Outdoor spaces: anywhere outdoors where people from separate households may gather for any purpose, including but not limited to public and private workplaces, shared or common spaces, outdoor sports fields, venues, parks, and rooftop terraces. An outdoor space does not include outdoor areas that are part of a private residence or houseless encampments.

5.8. Physical Distancing: keeping a safe space between yourself and other people who are not from your household. To practice social or physical distancing, stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces. Physical distancing is not required for vaccinated individuals and it is recommended for unvaccinated people.

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