



Return to Onsite Learning Plan

This plan was developed using Governor Gretchen Whitmer's *MI Safe Schools Roadmap* and *MI Safe Start Plan*, as well as the American College Health Association's *Considerations for Reopening Institutions of Higher Education in the COVID-19 Era*.

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Message from Laura



Dear Students,

Bay College is preparing to welcome students back on campus August 17 with a number of new requirements and guidelines in place to address COVID-19. All of us, employees and students, want to get back to school! Students and faculty enjoy being in a classroom together, learning and having in person conversations, forming study groups, meeting new friends and connecting with old friends. Sixty percent of our students need hands on training/labs in some of their classes.

As of this writing, the UP is in Phase 5 of the Michigan Safe Start plan. Within Phases 4 and 5 the College can conduct on campus classes as long as we follow new requirements set by the State of Michigan. These requirements include social distancing and wearing a mask in all public indoor areas including hallways, classrooms, labs, restrooms, and common areas. Additionally, hand hygiene is strongly encouraged. Washing hands with soap and water when available and using hand sanitizer frequently is important for our health and others.

The safety and health of our students, employees, and everyone's family members is paramount in all our decisions. With the goal of keeping our classrooms open for instruction, we developed this plan using state and CDC mandates, and best practices from national university and community college organizations. Please read this information carefully and follow the requirements and recommendations. Each of us has control over our own human behavior and we are responsible for keeping ourselves and our families safe.

Although Bay College is following the state mandates and CDC best practices that include social distancing, hand hygiene, and wearing face coverings, I believe you should do so everywhere, not just at Bay College. I encourage you to do everything you can to keep yourself and others safe whether you are shopping at a grocery store, filling up your gas tank, visiting friends, or going to the bookstore.

The Bay College family is strong and will keep moving forward! I look forward to seeing you back on campus!!

Stay healthy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura L. Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura L. Coleman, Ph.D.
President

MI SAFE START

Phases 4-5

Virus Status

- ✓ The number of new cases and deaths has fallen for a period of time.
- ✓ Most new outbreaks are quickly identified, traced, and contained due to robust testing infrastructure and rapid contact tracing.
- ✓ Health system capacity can handle new outbreaks.
- ✓ The overall number of infected individuals still indicate the need for distancing to stop transmission and move to the next phase.

How to Keep College Safe

- ✓ College is prepared with safety protocols.
- ✓ In-person instruction is permitted with required safety protocols.

During phases 4 and 5 the College buildings will be open with restricted access.

Course instruction will be offered on campus and online. Anyone on campus will wear a mask, social distance, and use proper hand hygiene. Students who are medically not able to tolerate mask wearing need to contact Jessica Manier, Office of Accessibility at 906-217-4017 or email: ooa@baycollege.edu.

Buildings will be cleaned more frequently throughout the day and classrooms will be sanitized in-between classes, as much as possible. Classrooms and common areas have been configured to provide adequate social distancing.

Daily health screening will be required for students arriving on campus. Snap QR code.

A COVID-19 Exposure Prevention Plan has been developed with protocols and procedures in place in the event of an exposure.



MI SAFE START Phase 6

Virus Status

- ✓ Post-Pandemic.
- ✓ Few, if any, active COVID-19 cases locally.
- ✓ Community spread not expected to return.
- ✓ Sufficient community immunity and availability of treatment.

How to Keep College Community Safe

- ✓ Practice good hygiene.

College Operating Status

- ✓ Open for in-person instruction.

MI SAFE START

Phases 1-3

Virus Status

- ✓ Community spread of the virus is increasing and substantial.
- ✓ There is concern about health system capacity.
- ✓ Testing and tracing efforts may not be sufficient to control the spread of the pandemic.

College Operating Status

- ✓ No in-person instruction, online instruction only.

During phases 1, 2, and 3 the College buildings will be closed, course instruction will be moved to online only. The College will appoint essential employees to work on campus to ensure buildings and technology infrastructure are secure and functioning properly. All other employees will work from home (or a remote location) and students will be provided technology and Internet access to complete their coursework.