

2021-2022 COVID OPERATING PLAN

Taylor Together

“God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love, and a sound mind” (2 Tim 1:7).

Dear Taylor Community,

Life has been anything but normal the last 18 months. We are gearing up for Fall 2021 with confidence and high expectations as we return to normal operations. We are excited to welcome a return to a more familiar experience for our students and our faculty and staff.

As always, we for the most credible data, consult with experts from a variety of disciplines, and, above all, seek God’s wisdom, discernment and guidance.

In preparing for the 2021-22 academic year, we are establishing a more concise set of operating guidelines. We want to focus our primary attention on enjoying this year as we pursue knowledge and deepen relationships with each other. The goal remains to have a great year, a safe year, and one spent caring for one another well.

We look forward to having you on campus and as always, remain interested in your thoughts and comments.

TAYLOR TOGETHER 2021-22 OPERATING PRINCIPLES

Subject to Change: As always, this plan remains subject to change based on the changes in COVID-19 pandemic realities internationally, nationally, statewide, within our local community, or on our campus. Guidance from the CDC and other governmental authorities may change from time to time, and we are well prepared to pivot as needed.

Vaccines: Vaccination is recommended as a general principle for our students and employees. We do understand that there are those who may choose for medical, ethical, or personal reasons not to be vaccinated. Taylor University will not require vaccination to return to campus. Please see the vaccine requirement below for those planning to partake in international trip experiences.

For your convenience, vaccines are available at the Upland Family Pharmacy located across from campus at 1809 S. Main St., Upland, IN 46989.

Taylor University is requesting that students and employees report their vaccination history via the following link in order to expedite close contact tracing should it be needed:

reports.taylor.edu/COVIDvaccine

COVID-19 Symptoms: Taylor will continue to encourage those who are experiencing medical symptoms similar to COVID-19 (runny nose, fevers, etc.) to report to the COVID Hotline, refrain from normal

activities and obtain a COVID-19 test before resuming those activities in order to prevent any spread on campus.

COVID-19 Detection: Those who have COVID-19 are expected to isolate from others on campus. The preferred location for isolation is at home but limited spaces will remain on campus for those who cannot return home.

Quarantine / Close Contact: Students and Employees who had close contact (according to the CDC) with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 are expected to quarantine *unless* they have been vaccinated or had COVID-19 within the timeframe recommended in the CDC guidelines.

Masks: Mask wearing is not required on campus. However, the CDC still recommends mask wearing for those who have not been vaccinated. Individuals may choose to wear masks, and we expect our community to respect that decision. As a community we will exercise thoughtfulness to those who make this choice.

Occupancy Limits / Social Distancing: We will be at full occupancy with no social distance requirements in any location. For those without proof of vaccination, social distancing is still encouraged.

Student and Employee International Travel:

Students and employees travelling to international locations: International travel trips are optional choices that students make and are not a requirement for graduation. Therefore, in partnership with our local contacts in international locations and due to an abundance of caution, all students and employees travelling internationally with Taylor programs will be required to have the COVID-19 vaccination. If students travel throughout the semester or between semesters internationally, they should report their travel to the COVID Hotline. Employees should report international travel to Human Resources.

Students and employees coming to campus from international travel: Students and employees who area travelling internationally will need to follow this CDC guidance:



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

International Travel RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
Get tested 1-3 days before traveling out of the US	✓	
Mandatory test required before flying to US	✓	✓
Get tested 3-5 days after travel	✓	✓
Self-quarantine after travel for 7 days with a negative test or 10 days without test	✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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