

**Subject: COVID-19 Resolution: Our Vibrant Future**

**WHEREAS**, the Ball State University Board of Trustees (the “Board”) is authorized under IC 21-27-3 to manage, control, and operate the University, possessing all power not otherwise specified by law in order to efficiently operate the affairs of the University; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board approved on May 27, 2020, recommendations to safely resume in-person campus operations in order to fulfill our mission to our students and to the communities we serve:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the University’s leadership is hereby authorized to implement all necessary actions to fully resume in-person campus operations, including:

- 1) Transitioning all employees back to on-site work locations by August 1, 2021, with limited exceptions to be reviewed pursuant to the *Ball State University Telework & Flexible Work Arrangements Guidelines for Professional and Staff Employees*.
- 2) Returning to traditional modalities of instruction and traditional course scheduling processes, with limited exceptions to be reviewed by department chairs and directors, in consultation with academic deans and University Human Resource Services.
- 3) Implementing traditional academic calendars for Summer 2021 and the next academic year, including resuming Fall Break, Thanksgiving recess in the Fall semester, and Spring Break in the Spring semester.
- 4) Implementing a traditional Housing and Residence Life plan, informed by public health guidance, for students living on-campus.
- 5) Continuing temporary quarantine and isolation space for residential students who may test positive for COVID-19 while residing on campus next academic year.

- 6) Pursuant to our partnership agreement with IU Health, maintaining on-campus symptomatic COVID-19 testing for students and employees.
- 7) Beginning August 1, 2021, and continuing as public health conditions warrant, resume access to asymptomatic COVID-19 testing for students and employees.
- 8) Under the direction of and in cooperation with local public health authorities, continuing effective contact tracing.
- 9) In cooperation with local public health authorities, maintaining reasonably convenient access to the COVID-19 vaccine for all students and employees.
- 10) While awaiting final approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for regular use of the COVID-19 vaccine, implementing a voluntary COVID-19 vaccination incentive program for all employees and students to substantially increase by August 2021 the number of fully vaccinated people who are teaching, working, learning, and living on campus.
- 11) If the COVID-19 vaccine is fully approved by the FDA for regular use, enhancing the University's vaccination plan in order to further increase the number of fully vaccinated employees and students who are on campus during the next academic year.
- 12) Maintaining ample supplies of personal protective equipment and other necessary items to promote sanitation and to mitigate the risk of on-campus virus transmission.
- 13) Monitoring and modifying the University's COVID-19 Response Plans, and providing data-informed policies and procedures to mitigate the risk of on-campus virus transmission.
- 14) The continuing authorization to make any modifications necessary throughout Summer 2021 and the next academic year, if public health conditions warrant adjustments.

**The following action is recommended:**

**THAT THE COVID-19 RESOLUTION: OUR VIBRANT FUTURE BE APPROVED.**