If you’re a student living on Ball State’s campus and are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms – don’t worry. With how contagious the virus is, even if you’re vaccinated, Ball State will do what it can to keep your community safe. Here’s a step-by-step guide on what you’ll need to do:

1. **Get Tested**
   - Find a testing site near you and schedule an appointment for a test.

2. **Report Your Testing Results to the University**
   - OR
   - Sign-up for on-campus testing (available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

3. **Expect to Be Contacted by Someone From the University**
   - You’ll receive an email communication from the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Ball State.
   - This email will be sent to your BSU email address and includes important details about what to expect, what to do, etc.

4. **Decide Where You’ll Quarantine/Isolate**
   - Regardless of where you quarantine, your decision MUST be communicated to your residence hall director (RHD) as soon as possible so that the two of you can have a discussion regarding your plans to leave the building and when you’ll be able to return to the halls.
   - If staying on campus your RHD will also assist in arranging temporary housing.

5. **Prepare to Quarantine/Isolate on Campus**
   - Your Quarantine/Isolation housing. Here’s what you need to do to prepare to the University:
     - Find a testing site near you and schedule an appointment for a test.
     - Sign-up for on-campus testing (available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

6. **Officially Begin Quarantine/Isolation on Campus**
   - While staying in Quarantine/Isolation housing, BSU Dining provides meals for students who fill out dining’s meal form.
   - The University provides Quarantine and Isolation housing for students. Currently, Elliott Hall and Scheidler Apartments are being used for COVID isolation; students are assigned their quarantine/isolation location.

7. **How Long Do I Need to Quarantine/Isolate?**
   - According to Ball State’s Return to Campus Plan and consistent with updated CDC guidance, a person infected with COVID-19 must isolate for five days. But, of course, there are a couple of scenarios to keep in mind when it comes to how long you actually have to isolate for:
     - If an infected person does not have symptoms, they may return to normal activities after five days of isolation.
     - If an infected person has symptoms, they can end isolation after five days if they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved. For symptomatic people, Day 1 is the first full day after symptoms improved.

8. **Your Quarantine/Isolation Period is Almost Up!**
   - Hopefully, you’re feeling alright and are ready to leave Quarantine/Isolation housing. Here’s what you need to do to re-enter life back in the residence halls:
     - Submit a return to campus form the day before your Quarantine/Isolation period ends to ensure that your ID and meal plan are reactivated.
     - If applicable, students may choose to quarantine at their permanent residence if it is off-campus or in quarantine/isolation housing. Here’s what you need to do to prepare to the University:
     - Find a testing site near you and schedule an appointment for a test.
     - Sign-up for on-campus testing (available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

9. **FIND YOUR RHD & THEIR CONTACT INFO**
   - You will also be contacted by a BSU Contract Tracer.
   - This email will be sent to your BSU email address and includes important details about what to expect, what to do, etc.