Interim Policy on COVID-19 Testing for Students Fall 2021

I. Scope of Authority
Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and current COVID-19 vaccination adoption rates among the student population, all students must complete mandatory twice weekly COVID-19 testing during the 2021-22 academic year. Individuals may be exempted from mandatory testing if:

1) they are fully vaccinated and have registered that vaccination with Baylor University (complete vaccination registration and upload documentation of vaccination card at baylor.edu/vaccine); or

2) they are within 180 days of a COVID-19 infection (email documentation of a positive test to Health_Services@baylor.edu)

Students are expected to comply with all directives related to this interim policy. This expectation will remain in place until the University makes an official announcement otherwise. Each of us, as a member of a Christian community, has a responsibility to make decisions that place the health and wellbeing of all members of our community as our highest priority as we work together to acquire education in a mutually healthy way.

II. University Notification and Compliance

As stated in University policy, each Baylor student is personally responsible for checking his or her Baylor email on a regular and recurring basis for receipt of official University correspondence. The written notice regarding testing that has been sent to the student at his or her Baylor email account constitutes full and adequate notice of these requirements.

Because regularly testing is so important to maintaining the health and safety of our campus community, it is vital that each student follows the requirements of this interim policy. In the event there is a complaint of alleged noncompliance, the failure to comply will be reviewed by Student Conduct Administration as consistent with the Student Conduct Code and this interim policy. Should a student be found responsible for violating this interim policy then the student will be subject to a range of sanctions including, but not limited to, restricted access to University resources, restricted access to the Baylor campus, as well as possible separation from the University if the situation is determined to warrant such action. Students should understand this interim policy has been implemented to protect their safety as well as the safety of the community.

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III. Requirements for International Students

**International Students Traveling from Outside the U.S.:**
International students traveling from outside the U.S. are required to test 1-3 days before departure and test again 3-5 days after travel. Students are required to quarantine for 7 days after travel. Even if a student tests and the results are negative, they are required to stay in quarantine for the full 7 days.

International students traveling from outside the U.S. and who are fully vaccinated with an FDA, FDA EUA or WHO authorized vaccine are not required to quarantine for 7 days after arrival. They are still required to test 3-5 days after arrival.

**International Students Living On-Campus:**
International students living on-campus must complete one of the following options BEFORE they can move in:
- Option 1: Submit documentation that you have received one of the FDA, FDA EUA or WHO authorized vaccines to Health Services.
- Option 2: Provide proof (e.g., invoice from a hotel) that you have quarantined for at least 7 days before moving into your housing.

International students traveling from outside the U.S. must ALSO submit proof of a negative COVID test (taken 3-5 days after entering the U.S.) to Baylor’s Health Services (Health_Services@baylor.edu)

International students traveling from outside the U.S. will not be able to move in to their on-campus facility until at least one of the 2 options listed above have been completed.

IV. Requirements for U.S. Students Who Have Traveled Abroad Recently

U.S. citizens who have traveled abroad are required to follow the same guidelines as international students.

V. Enforcement Process

Due to the importance of testing to mitigate the spread of the virus, it is vital that each student follows the requirements of this interim policy. In the event there is a complaint of alleged noncompliance, Baylor’s Student Conduct Administration office will notify the student of the alleged complaint and seek the student’s compliance with the interim policy. Should the student choose not to comply then appropriate action(s) will be initiated as outlined in Section II above.

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VI. Policy Updates

This requirement is in place until further notice by Baylor University and is subject to change based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and in coordination with the City of Waco and state of Texas health directives.

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