

COVID-19 Protocols and Vaccination Requirements at the Bates College

GRC continues to monitor venue and state-wide practices and update this page as often as possible.

GRC Current COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

To ensure the safety of venue and GRC staff, and each of our GRC communities, there are a few COVID-19 policies and procedures to keep in mind before your travels.

- Currently, GRC is requiring masks in all GRC spaces and the COVID-19 vaccination and booster for all attendees and guests before attending the meeting. Masking is not mandated by the venue in public spaces, but it is required by GRC in conference spaces.
- GRC recommends that you bring your own self-test kits to the venue to test when you arrive before joining to group to prevent any spread of COVID-19 through out the GRC community.
- It is important to know that should you test positive while on-site:
 - You will need to abide by the CDC recommendations regarding testing and isolation.
 - Unfortunately, GRC will not be able to provide you with a refund as once you are on site, GRC has incurred those expenses.
 - You will unfortunately, be unable to stream into the meeting has GRC does not have the capacity to do so.



While the policies listed below reflect those of the venue, GRC attendees are expected to follow guidelines as outlined by GRC above. GRC policies regarding masking and vaccination status will supersede those put in place by the venue when utilizing GRC event spaces.

Additional Health and Safety Practices in Place at Bates College

- Bates requires students to be fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19.
- Bates has a no guest policy for 2022. If you would like to have a guest stay with you, you will need to book offsite accommodations.
- All Bates community members, vaccinated and unvaccinated, must wear a mask while indoors.
- Due to COVID-19 and the safety of the Bates community, guests are not allowed.
- Hand sanitizing stations placed throughout campus
- Bates is emphasizing custodial practices including routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.

Maine's Current Regulations and Information

- Masks are not currently required, but highly encouraged.
- Information and updates from the Maine Department of Health can be found [here](#).
- Information regarding international travel to the United States can be found [here](#).

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ARRIVAL AND ACCOMMODATIONS



Logan Airport (BOS): Located 140 miles south of Lewiston

Portland International Jetport (PWM): Located 35 miles south of Lewiston

GRC Chartered Bus: You can reserve a spot on the bus through your MyGRC account and find details about the bus [here](#) and [click here](#) to see what Concord Coach is doing to protect you.

Rental Car: [Click here](#) for GRC's discounted rates with Enterprise or National Rental Car.

Enterprise has a [Clean Car Pledge](#) to combat the spread of COVID-19.

GRC Check-in is from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm in Chu Hall, 55 Campus Avenue.

- Visit campus security at 245 College Street if you arrive outside of standard check-in hours. The phone number is 207-786-6254.
- GRS check-in is from 2:00 pm—5:00 pm on Saturday.

The **GRC office** is located in 211 Commons.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND AMENITIES

Conferees stay in newly renovated residence halls with single or shared rooms.

- Air-conditioned
- Non-smoking
- Single and multiple-occupancy hall bathrooms
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout campus
- Linens, towels and soap provided



Bates' Commitment to You

Bates will be emphasizing custodial practices including routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.

[Click Here](#) for Bates' full Preparedness and Response Plan.

Amenities:

- Pool
- Fitness center
- Track
- Tennis and racquetball courts
- On-site parking
- Laundry on-site
- Mobility accessible rooms

Poster Printing:

- Posters can be emailed in PDF format at least 3 business days in advance to posterprinting@bates.edu and you will be emailed when the poster is ready, or you can request a print in person (please allow at least 2 hours for printing)
- Cost is \$60 per poster and can be paid in cash or credit
- Posters must be picked up or ordered during Post and Print hours (Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm)
- Please note that Post and Print is only open during the week so posters cannot be picked up over the weekend. If a poster is needed for the weekend, please note this when sending your PDF to Post and Print. They can print it and drop it off to the GRC office on Friday. It will be ready for you to pick up when checking in on the first day of your conference.

PLANNING YOUR VISIT



Dress is Casual

Bring a relaxed wardrobe and comfortable shoes. Please check the weather forecast and plan to bring a raincoat and or light jacket for outside activities.

Activities

Once you arrive on-site, you can sign up for various activities .



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Bates is located within 5 minutes of hospital facilities.

COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

All capacity limits and physical distancing requirements has been lifted in public outdoor settings and public indoor venues.

[Click here for Reopening Maine Information](#)

MEALS

All meals are served buffet style in the Dining Hall.

Vegetarian and gluten free selections are provided at all meals.

SCIENCE AND POSTER SESSIONS

Science Sessions are held in Olin Concert Hall, Room 210

Poster Sessions are held in the Perry Atrium in Pettengill Hall.

Poster board dimensions are 36" x 48".

DEPARTURES

Breakfast is available on Friday morning from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.

Check-out is at 10:00 am.



ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG