COVID-19 Protocols and Vaccination Requirements at the Bates College

GRC continues to monitor venue and state-wide practices, updating our venue pages on a weekly basis. We are currently working with our venues to implement social distancing practices at our conferences in 2022 as needed.

While the policies listed here reflect those of the venue, GRC attendees are expected to follow guidelines as outlined by GRC in their registration email. 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.
- All Bates community members, vaccinated and unvaccinated, must wear a mask while indoors.
- 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

- All capacity limits and physical distancing requirements has been lifted in public outdoor settings and public indoor venues.
- CDC is currently recommending people wear face coverings in public indoor settings in Androscoggin County.
- Information and updates from the Maine Department of Health can be found here.
- As of May 1, 2021, Maine no longer requires proof of a negative test or quarantine for travelers to the state.
- Information regarding international travel to the United States can be found here.
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

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
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[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 4 feet X 4 feet.

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