Ensuring Attendee Safety
COVID-19 and Updates on your GRC at BATES COLLEGE

How GRC is Supporting Your Health

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 2021 as needed.

As always, the health and safety of our communities are GRC’s highest priority, and we are working to ensure you’ll be able to join us safely and comfortably in 2021.

Bates’ Commitment to You

- Classes will return to campus for the Fall 2020 semester with virtual components to accommodate remote learning if needed.
- All students and faculty will be tested before arriving to campus.
- Face coverings required in all shared spaces on campus
- Hand sanitizing stations placed throughout campus
- Bates will be emphasizing custodial practices including routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.
- Click Here for Bates’ full Preparedness and Response Plan.

Maine’s Current Regulations (as of August 5, 2020)

- Maine is currently in Phase 3 of their reopening plan. - Reopening Maine
- Groups gatherings limited to 50 people with social distancing regulations still in place.
- Visitors will certify they have recently tested negative for COVID-19 in order to stay in lodging establishments and there will be increasing symptom checks at places where visitors tend to go.
- Face coverings need to be worn in spaces social distancing is hard to maintain such as, indoor public spaces, outdoor spaces like playgrounds, busy parking lots, lines for takeout and public transportation.
  - Information and updates from the Maine Department of Health 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.
Rental Car: GRC receives discounted rates with Enterprise or National Rental Car via contract ID XZ49019
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.

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

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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 postandprint@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)

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 has on-campus medical facilities and is located within 5 minutes of hospital facilities.

COVID-19 Safety Recommendations
Face masks need to be worn in spaces social distancing is hard to maintain such as, indoor public spaces, outdoor spaces like playgrounds, busy parking lots, lines for takeout and public transportation.
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MEALS

All meals are served buffet style in the Dining Hall.
Vegetarian and gluten free selections are provided at all meals. Kosher meals (with one-month advance notice) are available at the venue for an additional cost.

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.