

COVID-19 FAQs

How is Becker monitoring the novel coronavirus outbreak?

College officials have been monitoring the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) through the Centers for Disease Control, state and local government agencies, as well as through consultation with the Higher Education Consortium of Central Massachusetts.

From the onset of COVID-19 reported in the U.S., the College's Emergency Operations Team has met to discuss and update the College's response plans, and has put systems and protocols in place. Please see the Communications page for the most up-to-date information.

The College continues to provide faculty, staff, and students with updated information through email, the Employee and Student Portals, Canvas, and this web page.

What communications are important for the Becker community to know, to reduce the risk of exposure?

The Centers for Disease Control has issued the following information:

[How COVID-19 Spreads](#)

[COVID-19 Symptoms](#)

[Prevention and Treatment](#)

[What to Do If You Are Sick With COVID-19](#)

[Other Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19](#)

What resources are available to learn more about COVID-19?

There are a variety of updated resources available to those who want to learn more about COVID-19, including information provided by:

[US Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

[US Department of State](#)

[Massachusetts \(Mass.gov\)](#)

[City of Worcester Department of Public Health](#)

What is the impact on classes?

Becker College moved to remote learning for the remainder of the spring semester.

Is Becker restricting visitors to campus?

No external visitors are allowed on campus. Only a limited number of students who could not return home remain on campus; they are being provided with limited dining and other services.

Has Becker canceled sporting or other campus events?

Becker College has canceled the remainder of its spring athletics season and will not be holding any on-campus events. The Office of Campus Activities & Student Life has planned a number of virtual campus activities to keep students connected.

Will Commencement and other events be held?

Commencement, which was scheduled for May 9, has been postponed to the Fall. Further details will be forthcoming. The Office of Admissions has scheduled a number of virtual events.

Are campus buildings open?

No. Administrative buildings are only open to essential personnel.

How is Becker advising and responding to the needs of students studying abroad?

Becker does not administer any study abroad programs; it utilizes partner providers, who work with their networks and governments to determine emergency crisis plans. Those programs are in communication with Becker to share updates specific to their program, city, and region.

What will Becker do if a study abroad program is suspended?

Becker works closely with its academic partners to mitigate potential impacts on students' academic progress. Dependent on each program, we work with students to consider alternate means to maintain academic progress following the options set out by the students' respective programs. If a student chooses to leave a study abroad program that has not been suspended, they should contact Dan Chapman, Study Abroad Coordinator (774.354.0679 or email Daniel.chapman@becker.edu) as soon as a decision has been made. He will work with our partners to try to support the student's completion of work with that program.

Who do I contact for questions?

Send an email to covid19@becker.edu.

For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the [Communications page](#).

