

Bigelow Laboratory Keller BLOOM Program COVID safety plan

Bigelow Laboratory has undertaken a thorough planning process to develop the COVID-19 safety precautions detailed below. We feel that implementation of these precautions, in addition to ongoing state public health policies and a continuation of the overall stable or declining occurrence of COVID-19 in Maine, will allow us to run a one-week, residential, in-person Keller BLOOM Program that minimizes health risk to students, instructors/chaperones, and the broader community, while providing an impactful education program at a time when such opportunities are rare.

The following precautions will be taken prior to student arrival at Bigelow Laboratory:

- All participating students will conduct daily health assessment screenings for 3 days prior to the program (a link will be sent daily via email for each student to complete). These will be monitored daily by our Human Resources (HR) Dept.
- Participating students will follow all Maine CDC guidelines prior to the program. Any travel beyond Maine-approved states within 10 days of the program will be followed by a negative COVID test upon returning to the state. We will update this policy to reflect any changes in Maine CDC guidelines.
- Students are required to get a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours prior to arriving for the program. PCR, RAPID, or antigen tests are acceptable. Students should isolate in between testing and arrival for the program. Test results should be sent to Bigelow HR Dept.
- Program instructors and chaperones will receive COVID-19 testing the week before the program so that test results are received before any interaction with students.
- Students and parents will be asked to review and sign this document, indicating that they understand and agree to follow all safety precautions for the duration of the program.

The following precautions will be taken during the Program:

- Students will be housed in individual bedrooms at Graham Shimmield Residence Hall.
- Enhanced hygiene (frequent hand washing/sanitizing) will be practiced throughout the program. Instructors and chaperones will be masked throughout the program. Students will be masked as much as possible (except when eating).
- All students and instructors/chaperones will complete daily health assessment screenings during the program and will be monitored by our HR department. Any student exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be precluded from participating in the program.
- Students, instructors, boat captain and 1st mate will all be masked during the boat trip.

I have read and understand the information provided here. I am comfortable with the risks associated with this program and agree to follow all of these policies. This document is required upon arrival at Bigelow Laboratory.

Student signature

Parent signature (if student is a minor)

Date