CARDINALS CARE PARTNER PLEDGE

Consistent with the Beneficence Pledge, guided by our enduring values, and grounded in more than 100 years of history, Ball State University is committed to social responsibility. We view social responsibility as our collective and individual obligation to behave and act in ways that are in the best interest of others in our communities and our society.

Now more than ever, it is important for all of us to focus on civility, courtesy, compassion, and dignity, and seek to understand one another by genuinely caring for each other.

With our nation confronting the COVID-19 pandemic, we must rise to the occasion by being responsible for ourselves and each other during these unprecedented times.

We are asking community organizations and businesses to take the Cardinals Care Partner Pledge as an indication of their commitment to maintain a healthy and safe environment for employees, customers, volunteers, and guests.

As a Cardinals Care Partner, we pledge:

We will take measures and institute safeguards to ensure a safe environment for our employees, customers, volunteers, and guests, consistent with the State of Indiana’s Back on Track guidelines and industry-specific best practices. These may include:

- Utilizing a symptom screening procedure for employees reporting to work (e.g., self-assessments, screening questions, or taking temperatures).
- Requiring symptomatic employees to stay home.
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high-contact items, surfaces, and areas.
- Actively promoting regular handwashing, mask-wearing, and physical distancing among employees, volunteers, guests, and any other parties as determined by our leadership and board. This may be accomplished in a number of ways, including training and signage, providing physical barriers, limiting capacity, and cancelling or postponing in-person events when physical distancing guidelines cannot be met.
- Discouraging spontaneous or unstructured gatherings in common areas.
- Assigning staff to monitor groups of student volunteers and/or classes at all times while they are on the premises.

As a Cardinals Care Partner, we can expect:

Ball State students, faculty, and staff will wear masks, wash hands often, and maintain physical distancing on campus and in the community.

Ball State students, faculty, and staff will monitor their health on a daily basis and stay home if they feel sick or believe they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Ball State students, faculty, and staff will educate themselves regarding regulations, requirements, and guidelines as part of the broader community.

Ball State students, faculty, and staff will abide by protocols set by businesses and other organizations to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.

Ball State students, faculty, and staff will demonstrate respect and compassion for those around them.