I. International Student Entry

International students participating in an academic program at Ball State University in Fall 2021 are strongly encouraged to be fully-vaccinated (as defined the CDC or the World Health Organization) before traveling to campus. According to the CDC, people are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Jensen vaccine.

II. International Students Currently in the United States

International students who have been living or traveling within the United States and will be returning to a campus via domestic travel, will be subject to the same pre-arrival protocols outlined in the Student COVID-19 Response Plan.

A. Fully Vaccinated Students

Fully vaccinated students will not be required to quarantine upon entering the United States. However, all students will be required to get a viral test 3-5 days after arriving to campus and self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. If students develop symptoms, they must isolate and get re-tested.

Students who test positive are required to isolate for at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and at have least 24 hours with no fever, without fever reducing medication, and with other symptoms improving. Students who test positive but do not experience symptoms must isolate for at least 10 days after testing positive.

Ball State University will provide testing on campus during orientation week.

B. Unvaccinated Students

International students who are not fully vaccinated will be required to get a viral test 3-5 days after reporting to campus AND self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel even if you test negative.

Students who test positive are required to isolate for at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and at have least 24 hours with no fever, without fever reducing medication, and with other symptoms improving. Students who test positive but do not experience symptoms must isolate for at least 10 days after testing positive.

Ball State University will accept attestation of having received the vaccines recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO)

Ball State University will provide access to vaccines and viral testing on-campus for students who do not have access to WHO recommended vaccines.

Upon arrival to campus, all international students will be expected to follow and comply with the Student COVID-19 Response Plan.

III. Guidelines for Self-Quarantine

- Monitor symptoms. If you develop symptoms, you must get a COVID-19 test.
- Avoid public places.
- Do not attend in-person classes, events, or any other activities on campus.
- Limit in-person interaction with others as much as possible, and practice physical distancing when in the presence of others.
- Going out to purchase food and other essential items is allowable, but time out in public should be limited to the minimum amount of time necessary.
- Wear a face mask when around other people, even if you practice physical distancing.
IV. Guidelines for Self-Isolation

- Monitor symptoms.
- Avoid public places and interacting with other people.
- Do not attend in-person classes, events, or any other activities on campus.
- Stay in a separate room from other people in your household.
- Avoid contact with other people in your household.
- Use a separate bathroom from other people in your household.
- Don’t share personal household items with others.
- Wear a face mask and maintain physical distancing if you must be around other people.