

COVID-19 Transmission Indicators



To determine the potential risks to campus, the college examines COVID-19 transmission across multiple spectrums. The college scores three indicators: main campus infections (spread among congregate population); isolation/quarantine spaces (impacts to physical resources); and faculty/staff exposures (effect on human resources). Transmission levels and vaccination rates in Avery County and surrounding areas are also monitored daily. Community levels are not scored but may further influence transmission mitigation efforts.

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Main Campus Infections Percent of active test-positive student cases	Fewer than 2%	2% to 4%	4% to 6%	Greater than 6%
Isolation/Quarantine Spaces Percent of designated institutional beds in use	Fewer than 30%	30% to 50%	50% to 80%	Greater than 80%
Faculty/Staff Exposures Percent of employees in isolation or quarantine	Fewer than 5%	5% to 10%	10% to 15%	Greater than 15%

Average Daily Score	Fewer than 1.7 Low Transmission	1.7 to 2.7 Moderate Transmission	2.7 to 3.7 High Transmission	Greater than 3.7 Uncontrolled Transmission
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Operational Guidance



The guidance below informs potential changes to institutional and departmental operations. To best protect the individual and collective health and wellbeing of the campus community, response actions are moderated independently when transmission levels change. For additional resources and current COVID-19 protocols visit www.lmc.edu/bobcatstrong.

	MODIFIED OPERATIONS	RESTRICTED OPERATIONS	LIMITED OPERATIONS	MINIMAL OPERATIONS
	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	High Transmission	Uncontrolled Transmission
Academic Delivery	In-person	In-person	On-campus virtual and online	Online
Student Work	In-person	In-person	On-campus virtual or online	Online
Residence Halls	Open	Open with visitation restrictions	Reduced use Students have option to go home to reduce density	Closed with exception of students who cannot depart and those in quarantine and isolation
Dining Facilities	Open The Summit Dining Hall POD Express (Takeout) Einstein Bros. Bagels (Takeout)	Open with restrictions and increased takeout options The Summit Dining Hall POD Express (Takeout) Einstein Bros. Bagels (Takeout)	Takeout Only The Summit Dining Hall POD Express (Takeout)	Closed Meals delivered to students remaining on campus
Masks/ Face Coverings	Encouraged	Encouraged and faculty may require in own classrooms and other learning spaces	Required indoors on campus and any time physical distance cannot be maintained	Required at all times on campus

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Health Assessment/ Testing	Regular self-assessment	Daily self-assessment	Surveillance testing	Surveillance testing
Academic Buildings	Open	Open with restrictions	Limited access	Closed
Library	Open	Open with restrictions	Limited access	Closed
Outdoor Spaces	In-use	In-use with restrictions	Limited access	Transit only
Bookstore	Open	Open with restrictions	Closed	Closed
Athletics	Teams practice with restrictions +NCAA/Conference guidelines	Teams practice with increased restrictions +NCAA/Conference guidelines	None	None
Club Sports	Practice with restrictions	Individual practice with restrictions	None	None
Intramurals	Approved activities	Approved activities with restrictions	None	None
Fitness Center	Open	Open with restrictions	Closed	Closed
Student Clubs/ Organizations	Approved activities + Virtual activities	Approved activities with restrictions + Virtual activities	Virtual activities	None

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Visitation to Town	Open following community standards	Open with restrictions and following community standards	Limited access	None
Admissions	In-person tours available	In-person tours available with restrictions	In-person tours available with restrictions and limited access + Virtual tours	Virtual tours
Vendors/Visitors	Vendors and visitors allowed	Vendors and visitors allowed with restrictions	Essential vendors with restrictions No public visitors	No vendors No public visitors
Events	In-person internal events and approved external events + Virtual events	In-person internal events and approved external events with restrictions + Virtual events	Virtual events	None
College Vehicles	In use	Approved use with restrictions	Approved individual use	None
Employees	On campus	On campus with restrictions	Remote work Direct support and essential with restrictions on campus	Remote work Essential with restrictions on campus only