

## **Policy Prohibiting Campus Visitors during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

Berea College has instituted a number of measures to reduce the chances that the coronavirus will be imported into our community, including careful testing of returning employees and students to confirm that everyone on campus is currently free of the virus. We have also restricted most activities that involve bringing visitors to campus, requiring testing for any exceptions.

**In order to further limit the chances of introducing the virus into our community, all buildings on the Berea College campus WILL BE CLOSED TO VISITORS for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency as declared by Governor Beshear.** Employees and students are prohibited from bringing any friends, family members or visitors with them into campus buildings during this time.

The only exceptions are for (i) for students who may have up to two identified family members to assist during campus move-in and move-out each term; (ii) business invitees and third-party service providers on essential business who are approved by the Administrative Committee and properly screened; (iii) Admissions tours, which do not enter campus buildings; (iv) contractors at work in fenced-off areas; (v) those requiring access to the CPO and campus loading docks for mail and other deliveries; and (vi) customers conducting business at Printing Services. Boone Tavern Hotel, College Square and trails at the College Forest currently remain exempt from this prohibition.

**Unfortunately, this policy also must include the children of employees or students. Children may not be brought on to campus in workplaces, classes, labor assignments, to other campus meetings or activities.** Since this may pose a particular hardship for some students who are single parents, professors and labor supervisors are urged to exercise discretion in granting approved absences for single-parent students due to childcare issues. Offices that provide services, for example the Help Desk in IS&S, will endeavor to offer those services remotely to students and employees who have childcare obligations.

We must have the cooperation of every member of the campus community with this and our other COVID-19 health policies and guidelines to help ensure the safety and well-being of all Bereans. Persons failing to comply with this policy will be subject to discipline under the [Policy on Violations of Berea College Healthy at Work](#).

This policy will remain in effect until further notice.

Students with questions about this policy may address them to Gus Gerassimides in Student Life ([gerassimidesg@berea.edu](mailto:gerassimidesg@berea.edu); 859-985-3150); employees may contact Steve Lawson in Human Resources ([lawsonst@berea.edu](mailto:lawsonst@berea.edu); 859-985-3050). For remote assistance, please contact the office involved directly.