



COVID-19 Guidelines and Policy Manual For Students

All Berklee community members are expected to follow these guidelines:

Be conscious: Comply with the policy and follow the guidelines

Be respectful: [Wear a mask](#) at all times and use it properly

Be clean: [Wash your hands](#) frequently

Be responsible: Maintain social distancing (1.5 meters)

Be proactive: If you feel sick, stay home

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1.0	-	Initial version.	Aug 24, 2020
1.1	Throughout the document to reflect alignment with current public health authorities' recommendations	Summer Programs	June 10, 2021
1.2		Fall 2021	August 1, 2021
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This manual provides guidelines and directions about Berklee's academic plan to return to activity for the academic year 2021-2022.

As new information is provided from institutions such as the Spanish Ministry of Health, Conselleria de Sanitat and Consellería de Universitats (Valencian Regional Government), European Commission and the World Health Organization (WHO) and as scientific evidence evolves, this document is subject to change.

Please pay attention to new notifications and/or updates related to this policy that you may receive during the

1. Campus Updates

Berklee Valencia has worked and planned to have our facilities ready to welcome our community and deliver an excellent experience to our students while ensuring that the recommendations of health authorities, our partners from the occupational risk prevention services, and medical team are met.

Here are the main updates:

- Reduced capacity: In order to maintain social distancing, staff and faculty will work remotely unless it is essential for them to be on campus (i.e. teaching classes). For this reason, in-person / on-campus services from Berklee's different offices will be considerably reduced and staff will be available to students remotely. We ask that students reach out directly to the different offices to set up an appointment:
 - Academic Affairs: academicaffairsvalencia@berklee.edu
 - Student Affairs: studentaffairsvalencia@berklee.edu
 - Student Accounts: studentaccountsvalencia@berklee.edu
 - International Career Center: internationalcareers@berklee.edu
 - IT Support: itsupportvalencia@berklee.edu
 - Admissions: admissionsvalencia@berklee.edu
 - Public Safety: valenciapublicsafety@berklee.edu
 - Communications: communicationsvalencia@berklee.edu
- Restricted access: Access by third parties to the facilities will be restricted. No visitors or guest artists/musicians will be allowed on campus.
- Cantina and vending machines: The cantina has a limited occupancy rate of 45 seats; and an additional seating area is available in the annex area. The vending machines are only available on a grab-and-go policy.
- Cleaning and sanitizing reinforcement: The campus now has a number of additional hand sanitizers and cleaning kits so classrooms can be cleaned after use and four new air fans for enhanced ventilation in hallways and classrooms. We have doubled cleaning shifts and incorporated frequent cleaning of door handles. Multiple portable air filtration devices with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters have been installed in classes and studios, to maximise air quality.



2. Essentials

Day-to-Day on Campus

Self-Monitoring

All Berklee community members must perform a self check each day before arriving on campus. The purpose of this self check is to help you make decisions about seeking appropriate medical care in case you need it. Pay attention to any symptoms related to COVID-19 such as:

Most common symptoms:

- fever or feeling feverish (such as chills, sweating)
- dry cough
- fatigue

Less common symptoms:

- Headache
- muscles aches and pains
- sore throat
- vomiting or diarrhea
- Conjunctivitis
- recent loss of taste or smell
- a rash on skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes
- runny or stuffy nose

Serious symptoms:

- difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- chest pain or pressure
- loss of speech or movement

If you feel sick, you must stay home and ask for medical support.

All Berklee community members must also notify the [COVID19 Coordinator](#), any close contact with a person that tested positive on COVID-19, as soon as they know.



Accessing and Leaving Campus

Only a valid Berklee ID will grant access to the facilities. It is also recommended that you reduce movements on and off campus on a workday. For more information visit [Access to the Facilities](#).

Personal transportation: Vehicles will not be allowed on campus. These include bikes and/or folding bikes, electric scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, and so on.

Personal Health and Safety Measures

Wear a cloth face covering (unless it is unsafe to do so due to a medical condition or disability, in which case, we ask that you coordinate with [Student Affairs](#) in order to acquire official permission). Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent alcohol. Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth. Cover coughs and sneezes, throw out used tissues and wash your hands afterwards. Avoid shaking hands, hugging, or touching when greeting another person on campus, and avoid sharing personal belongings with other people, including, but not limited to, instruments, food, drinks, makeup, and towels.

Recommended: You Leave, You Clean

It is highly recommended to maintain a regular cleaning, before and after using or touching any area, tools, or office device. You can sanitize workplaces or equipment according to the protocols established by the [Cleaning and Disinfection Reinforcement Measures](#) and the [Specific Areas and Activities](#).

Travel and Trips

All domestic and international Berklee-sponsored business or academic travel is restricted until at least December 31, 2021

Campus Services and Working Activities

- **Meetings:** Gatherings on campus will be restricted. Work and/or coordination meetings should be conducted online and, when possible, remotely. Gatherings on campus should be avoided, in particular in the transit areas
- **Events and concerts:** Institutional activities and artistic performances will have to meet health authorities' guidelines at each given time and will be thoroughly reviewed before approval. No masks will be required for outdoor activities whenever social distancing can be maintained. This measure is subject to change and continuously monitored.
- **Delivery Services:** Incoming personal mail and packages will be restricted. Only institutional correspondence will be permitted.
- **Lockers:** Students will only be able to use one locker to store belongings they carry with them on a daily basis and will be asked to empty their locker and take their personal belongings with them when they leave campus, with the only exception of large-size instruments. Information on use of lockers can be obtained through the Valencia Student Handbook.

Day-to-Day off Campus

Everyone shall comply with all binding policies as well as follow all voluntary recommendations set forth/announced by competent authorities at all times, not only when being on campus but also when off campus.

As the situation is constantly evolving, please frequently consult the [Public Safety Alerts](#) website and the following resources for updated information on COVID-19 in Valencia, and globally:

3. [Ayuntamiento de Valencia](#) (Valencia City Hall) - [Twitter](#)
4. [Ministerio de Sanidad](#) (Spanish Government)- [App](#) - [Twitter](#)
5. [Consellería de Sanitat](#) (Valencian Government)- [App](#) - [Twitter](#)
6. [European Commission](#) - [Twitter](#)
7. [World Health Organization](#) - [Twitter](#)
8. [CDC](#) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
9. [Vacunación Covid19 - Gobierno de España](#)

Personal Travel

Berklee strongly discourages all nonessential domestic and international travel, particularly when travel that uses public transport (i.e., airplane, train, bus) as travel increases the chance of getting and spreading COVID-19.

Students wishing to travel outside the city of Valencia during their enrollment at Berklee must report any such trips to Berklee, including both domestic and international travel. This notification must be done as early as possible, either before leaving or prior to returning, if prior reporting is not possible, by filling out this [Personal Travel Form](#) .

The information provided in this Personal Travel Form will only be used to ensure compliance with Berklee policies for mitigating the risk of COVID-19, particularly to determine whether the self-quarantine, testing, or adoption of any other measure is required upon the student's return to Valencia.

Students travelling during their enrollment at Berklee should note that it will be solely their responsibility to be informed of all recommendations, guidelines, and mandates from local, national, and international authorities prior to, during, and after their travels. For updated information on travel guidelines and protocols set out by the authorities, please visit: [Spain Travel Health](#)

3. Detailed Guidelines and Protocols

Berklee has developed the following institutional guidelines and protocols to ensure the health of all community members: students, faculty and staff is not compromised in light of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and that the measures imposed to stop the spread of the disease are effective.

Traveling to Campus

Self-Monitoring

Before leaving home, students must monitor any symptoms related to COVID-19 and have their temperature checked. If their temperature exceeds 37.5°C or they have any symptoms compatible with COVID-19 (fever, cough or difficulty breathing), they must stay at home and contact Berklee's Medical Assistance Team on +34 618 001 661. These teams will then inform the [public health services](#), at the numbers established for Valencia: 900 300 555 / 112. Students must also inform [Student Affairs](#). This also applies if symptoms appear the evening before. Any person with symptoms will not be granted access to our facilities and will be asked to return home.

Transportation

Travel to campus should be made by private transport or walking, avoiding crowds as much as possible.

- Personal transportation vehicles: These vehicles will not be allowed on campus. These include bikes and/or folding bikes, electric scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, and so on.
- On foot: Keep a social distance of at least 1.5 meters at all times and avoid all crowds. Avoid touching any surfaces and do not touch your face.
- Public transport: Avoid crowded areas and, if necessary, wait for the next vehicle. Always use the recommended face masks. Avoid touching any surfaces and do not touch your face.
- Taxi or VTC: There should be two people per row of seats. If there are three passengers that live together, they may travel in the same row of seats. Avoid touching surfaces. The use of face masks is mandatory.

Access to the Facilities

Students

- All students should carry their Berklee ID card to campus in order to facilitate and speed up campus access and exit procedures. Health authorities may request that Berklee shares campus access tracking data so students must use their ID card to enter the campus.
- A negative PCR test must be provided to ensure a safe entry to campus at the beginning of every academic semester. This could also apply to academic breaks in specific cases or the status of the pandemic in the Valencian Community recommends for new tests as a preventative measure.
- All safety rules listed on signs at the entrance of the campus must be followed
- Hydroalcoholic gel dispensers placed at the entrance must be used before entering the facilities.

Visitors

For external or third parties, the following should also be taken into account:

- Only authorized vendors and/or third parties can access the facilities for maintenance tasks and essential services. No visitors or guest artists/musicians will be allowed on campus during the fall semester. A policy for the spring will be determined by the end of the fall semester.

Delivery Services and Incoming Mail and Packages

All personal deliveries to students, including meal services, will not be permitted. Students should organise any personal deliveries to their home address.

Specific Areas and Activities

- All rooms and areas originally designed to accommodate various individuals will now have limited capacity. A sign specifying the maximum occupancy will be posted at the entrance.
- Rooms and common areas will be ventilated by opening, when available, windows, and external doors. Alternatively, HEPA devices will be used to filter the air in specific classrooms and studios.
- Students are also expected to follow the [Academic Technology Facilities in Valencia - COVID-19 Protocols](#), (found in the Berklee Valencia Intranet). Students must familiarize themselves with these guidelines and follow them at all times. This document includes protocols for classrooms, practice rooms, studios, and labs.

Classrooms, Practice Rooms, Studios, and Labs

- A safe distance of 1.5 meters between participants must be guaranteed.
- Specific locations where the participants must sit will be indicated in each room.
- A hydroalcoholic gel dispenser for hand disinfection will be available.
- The access and exit from the room will be done in a staggered way.
- At the end of each session or class, the room will be organized and reset to facilitate its cleaning and disinfection. The faculty or student leading each session should notify the [front desk](#) that the room has been used so that they can inform the cleaning service and proceed with cleaning and disinfection. Please follow the [Academic Technology Facilities in Valencia: COVID-19 Protocols](#).
- Avoid the sharing of work equipment or devices. If this cannot be avoided, they should be disinfected after each use, and students should be provided with the necessary tools to do so.

Cantina and Coffee Areas

- Wash your hands when entering and leaving the cantina.
- Access must be staggered to guarantee distances. If necessary, the shift system must be defined to guarantee the appropriate capacity.
- Ensure the correct ventilation of the dining rooms or vending machines areas with ventilation systems in place and by periodically opening available external doors.
- At the end of use, all spaces should be tidied up to facilitate cleaning and disinfection.
- Limit the common items that must be used, and ensure their correct disinfection.

Restrooms

- Wash your hands when entering and leaving the restroom.
- For restrooms that can have more than one occupant, keep an interpersonal distance.
- Ensure proper ventilation of the toilets by regularly keeping the door open when not in use.
- It is recommended the use of disposable paper, as air dryers could spread potentially contaminated droplets.
- To dispose of paper hand towels, use the containers in the restrooms. Plastic bags will be placed inside these containers.

Lockers

Students will only be able to use one locker to store belongings they carry with them on a daily basis and will be asked to empty their locker and take their personal belongings with them when they leave campus, with the only exception of large-size instruments.

Cleaning and Disinfection Reinforcement Measures

These are some of the changes that have been implemented on the Berklee Valencia campus to meet health authorities' recommendations. For more detailed information, contact [Valencia Public Safety](#).

- Only cleaning solutions and other virucidal elements approved by the Ministry of Health have been incorporated in all cleaning and disinfection tasks.
- We've increased the ventilation of our facilities by opening available windows and external emergency doors for air renewal in air-conditioning systems and corridors.
- Axial fans and portable air filtration devices with HEPA filters are to be used in classrooms and studios, according to the academic schedule.
- Additional electrostatic spray technology will be used to apply disinfectant to help facilities treat surfaces.
- It is recommended that all students clean the surfaces, armchairs, and chairs in their workplace as they arrive and by the time they finish their activities. Cleaning stations with disinfectant products and paper towel rolls will be available in every work area with instructions.
- Carts, cases, or trolleys used to carry material or equipment throughout our facilities will be regularly disinfected.

Potential Positive Cases on Campus

- If you show symptoms of COVID-19 while on campus, please immediately communicate with our [COVID-19 coordinator](#), [Public Safety](#) and [Student Affairs](#) , then leave the facilities and contact Berklee Medical Assistance Team on +34 618 001 661 or berklee@upromedes.com as soon as possible
- If you experience multiple symptoms and cannot leave campus, you will be accompanied to a room prepared for voluntary isolation. You will remain in this room wearing a face mask until medical assistance and recommendations are provided. The room will have proper ventilation and a pedal garbage bin with a bag to dispose of masks and gloves. According to health authorities guidelines, Berklee Medical Assistance Team and Mapfre will initiate, if recommended, the official protocol and will transport you to a hospital for PCR testing. Berklee Medical Assistance Team and Mapfre will collaborate with health authorities by providing a list of people with whom you have recently been in contact on campus.

Internal protocols for confirmed positive cases / close contacts on campus

Any community member who tests positive for COVID-19 at any point during the year will not be able to return to Berklee's Valencia campus, or participate in any in-person academic or professional activity, until they are able to provide evidence of having obtained a negative PCR result no earlier than 10 days after testing positive. This will be required independently of any other circumstance, including having been vaccinated with the full dosage, or having gone through COVID-19 within 90 days prior to the current diagnosis.

In cases where a final PCR result remains positive, the requirement to obtain a negative PCR result to return to campus may only be waived when the medical team assisting Berklee with these protocols considers it appropriate, through an evaluation of a serology test that allows them to certify to Berklee that there is no risk of contagion to other members of our community.

Any community member who is officially considered a close contact of anyone who's tested positive for COVID-19 will not be able to return to Berklee's Valencia campus, or participate in any in-person academic or professional activity until:

- 10 days have passed since their last contact with the person who tested positive, should this close contact be completely asymptomatic, as confirmed by a signed and official written declaration to be provided by Berklee.
- They are able to provide evidence of having obtained a negative PCR result no earlier than 10 days after the last contact with the person who tested positive, should the close contact be symptomatic, and under the same terms and conditions aforementioned regarding those, tested positive in COVID-19.

This will be required independently of any other circumstance, including having been vaccinated with the full dosage, or having gone through COVID-19 prior to the current diagnosis.

For all instances in which students must stay off-campus as a consequence of the aforementioned COVID-19 protocols, all necessary services, accommodations and resources will be made available by Berklee so that they may continue attending classes and/or academic activities remotely.

It is important to note that COVID19 auto-test and/or self-diagnosed testing won't be accepted. Only COVID-19 tests performed in certified laboratories will be accepted.

Highly Vulnerable Students

People who are particularly sensitive to the risks of suffering from the disease caused by COVID-19 are defined as those who, depending on their personal characteristics or known health status, may suffer the consequences of the disease with more severity than the rest of the population or may suffer certain complications.

In the Ministry of Health's procedures for dealing with cases of infection by the new coronavirus, the main groups vulnerable to COVID-19 are people with the following pre-existing conditions:

- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease, including hypertension
- Chronic lung disease
- Immunodeficiency
- Cancer in active treatment
- Pregnancy
- Over 60 years old

These students must be identified and their level of risk and need for additional measures assessed. If you fall into this group, you should contact [Student Affairs](#) for the appropriate procedures to be followed and to carry out this assessment.

Guidelines and Expectations for Materials Posted on ol.berklee.edu and the College's Website

Lectures and other classroom presentations presented through video conferencing and other materials posted on OL are for the sole purpose of educating the students enrolled in the course.

Class videos, recordings, and images may not be reproduced, transferred, distributed, or displayed in any manner unless the instructor approves it in writing, and written permission from the program director must also be granted. Students may not share authorized or unauthorized recordings from class in any way with anyone. This includes, but is not limited to:

- sharing recordings/images with other students;
- sharing recordings/images with parents or guardians;
- sharing recordings/images with friends;
- sharing recordings/images through social media;
- posting recordings/images online;
- emailing recordings/images to anyone; and
- retaining downloaded recordings/images.

Permission to allow class recordings is not a transfer of any copyrights in the recording or related course materials. Materials contained within the class recordings, including, but not limited to, videos and other web-based media, may also have their own copyright protection for which there may be separate prohibitions under the law against dissemination.

Class sessions on Zoom or other video conferencing platforms may be audio visually recorded for students in the class to refer back to the information and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live.

Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If students are unwilling to consent to have their profile or video image recorded, they must be sure to keep the camera off and not use a profile image.

Likewise, students who unmute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If students are not willing to consent to have their voice recorded during class, they will need to keep their mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live.

COVID-19 Related Disciplinary Procedures for Students

This manual remains effective starting September 1, 2020 until otherwise noted by Berklee's Valencia campus. Berklee reserves the right to update and make edits to this document to be in line with the guidance that comes from local, regional, and national authorities and/or reputed sources . All updates to this document will be clearly noted with the date and posted on Berklee's website.

Noncompliance with this manual will result in disciplinary action under the [Student Code of Community Standards](#), including, but not limited to, being charged according to any of the following policies: Failure to Comply, Harmful Behaviour, Invasion of Privacy, Academic Dishonesty, Disorderly Conduct, Complicity, Misrepresentation/Filing of False Reports, Unauthorized Entry, Technology Resources, Institutional Policies, and/or Federal, State, or Local Laws. Each reported incident will be reviewed by a conduct officer on a case-by-case basis regarding the severity of action. Students are subject to being placed on interim suspension while the review is conducted. Being held responsible for a violation of these policies can result in consequences ranging from warnings or probation to suspension or expulsion.

Social Compact

All employees and students will be asked to sign an [acknowledgment and social compact document](#) agreeing to the above guidelines and procedures. Failure to follow these guidelines and procedures may lead to potential disciplinary sanctions.

Sources:

This manual is based on directives and recommendations from [Protocolo de actuación del comienzo del curso universitario 2020-21](#), [NEHS/NAMEFall 2020 Guidance for Music Education](#), [Recomendaciones del Ministerio de Universidades a la comunidad universitaria para adaptar el curso universitario 2020-21 a una presencialidad adaptada](#), [Procedimiento de Actuación para los Servicios de Prevención de Riesgos Laborales frente a la exposición al SARS-CoV-2](#) and [Medidas de Prevención, Higiene y Promoción de la Salud frente a COVID-19 para Centros Educativos en el Curso 2021-2022](#).