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**IBS REOPENING POLICY  
UPDATE**

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Dear Members of the IBS Community,

We hope this finds you healthy and well.

Since IBS issued its Policies and Protocols for Reopening IBS Offices and Campus on July 20, 2021, rates of COVID-19 Delta variant infections have increased throughout the country, California, and the Bay Area. As a result, IBS has updated its Reopening Policy to be in accord with new CDC guidelines and BCA directives.

1. Participation in Fall 2021 Semester Classes

- A. All IBS classes will be offered remotely during the Fall 2021 semester.
- B. In-person classes on GTU or UCB campus

Students and faculty wishing to participate in on campus, in-person classes will be required to provide proof of full vaccination. This provision will pertain to all students and faculty across the GTU consortium, as well as UC Berkeley.

2. Entry into IBS Offices and Campus

All persons will be required to provide proof of full vaccination prior to entering to IBS offices, classrooms, or facilities. An official vaccination card, an image of an official vaccine card or a health care document showing vaccination status must be presented to the President, Dean, or their delegates. IBS will maintain in trust a copy of that document.

3. Mask Requirements

**Effective immediately masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, when indoors at IBS offices, classrooms, or facilities.**

Masks will not be required outdoors regardless of vaccination status.

*Note: Although not required, IBS recommends that masks be worn outdoors by everyone when six (6) ft. physical distancing cannot be maintained.*

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