If I am living off campus with on-campus privileges, does Hibearnation status apply to me?

All students living off campus with on-campus privileges must follow the same general guidelines as students living on campus. While the College is in Hibearnation status you may not have other students or guests visit your off-campus residence.

What will happen to students who violate the Hibearnation period rules?

Students who violate the expectations of Hibearnation period will lose their on-campus privileges, including the right to live on-campus, and will have to move to remote learning for the remainder of the semester.

What if I’m not doing great?

Feeling sick? Contact Health Services ASAP at (207) 725-3770.

Sad or anxious? You can call Counseling Services at (207) 725-3145. Press “1” for on-call service after 5:00 p.m.

Problems with your wireless or devices? Call the IT Help Desk at (207) 725-3030.

If you need other special accommodations, please email spring2021@bowdoin.edu.

I’m having a problem with my COVID test schedule.

This is urgent!—please email covidtsa@bowdoin.edu.

I just googled it and polar bears don’t hibernate.

That is correct. That’s why we’re spelling it differently.

Hibearnation

Friday, February 5 — Sunday, February 14

There is a high likelihood that some students will contract COVID while traveling. Given this near certainty, and the fact that it can take up to seven full days for most COVID-19 to be detected through testing, the Hibearnation status is meant to minimize the spread and impact of COVID-19 on campus from arriving students—both in terms of positive cases (students in isolation) and close contacts (students in quarantine).

Regardless of campus status level, we are counting on you to be consistent in upholding the four pillars of a healthy semester:

- masking
- good hygiene
- physical distance
- mandatory COVID tests.

Let’s do this right so we can get it over with.
Where can I go?
During Hibernation, you may visit the following places on campus for essential activities (i.e., no lingering/hanging out):

- Moulton Union and Thorne (for pickup only)
- Morrell Gym Testing Center
- Smith Union C-Store (begins Tuesday, February 9) and Smith Union printers
- Mail Center
- Mail Center Annex (formerly the Sail Room) for course materials pickup
- Student Health Services

Can I do my laundry?
Absolutely, as long as you are using on-campus facilities.
Please maintain masking and social distance protocols at all times.

What can’t I do during the Hibernation status?

- Go into any other student’s room, go to a different floor in your residence hall, visit any other residence hall, or visit off-campus residences. (This includes anyone within your pod.)
- Gather in any indoor common spaces (residential or otherwise).
- Enter any building other than the ones listed on the previous page, including academic buildings.
- Eat inside anywhere other than your private bedroom.
- Play team sports.
- Visit the athletic fields after 5:00 p.m. (This is true in all campus status levels.)
- Leave campus for any reason, unless you receive permission from your Dean to do so.

Can I go outside?
Spend as much time outside as you would like—including all forms of exercise.

Please remember that while outside, for any reason, you must remain on the College’s campus, be masked and maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from any other people.

Additionally, no more than three students may walk or gather outside together.

Where can I eat?

- You may eat outside, but with no more than two additional people, seated at least six feet apart.
- The maximum of two people you eat with outside do not have to be in your pod.
- Otherwise, please eat on your own, in your private bedroom.

Can I order food delivery?
Sure—as long as the delivery is contactless.

If all goes well, what happens after the Hibernation status period is over?

On Sunday, February 14, if things are going well, our plan is to move to status level Orange—which means that you can be with your pod in your residential space (with masks).

However, if the COVID-19 positive cases are high and members of our campus community are not wearing masks, maintaining six feet of physical distance, practicing good hygiene, and showing up for scheduled COVID-19 tests, we will have to remain in Hibernation status.

The College will send out a formal notification when we change the campus status level.