

Ontario declares a third State of Emergency

A Stay-at-home order comes into effect Thursday, April 8, 2021

April 7, 2021,

Canadore College remains open and considered an essential service under government orders

Here's what you need to know:

Ontario has declared a state of emergency to stop the spread of COVID-19. A stay-at-home order will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021, and is expected to remain in place for at least four weeks. These measures are in addition to the restrictions already in place under the province-wide shutdown that began on Saturday, April 3, 2021, and are necessary to stop the spread of COVID-19, and the Variants of Concern (VOCs).

- Remote learning continues, with on campus in-person activity as outlined in the communication dated February 22, 2021. Employees and students who can work remotely are expected to continue doing so through this state of emergency.
- Everyone must remain at home, with exceptions for essential purposes which includes attending to campus for work, attending scheduled in-person classes, and accessing the on-campus health centre or mental health supports.
- Ontario post-secondary institutions are considered essential, so travelling to school to attend academic learning or clinical placements is permitted. You are advised to speak to your placement coordinator to confirm your placement location will allow you to attend.
- There are to be no organized public events and social gatherings, except with members of the same household (people you live with).
- Ontarians caught violating the stay-at-home order could be ticketed and fined.
- The emergency order allows the Ontario government to impose additional restrictions on non-essential businesses.
- Canadore's COVID-19 safety protocols remain in effect. Masks are mandatory while on any Canadore campus.

Vaccinations:

The Ontario government is moving into Phase Two of its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan, with a focus on reaching individuals in "hot spot" communities where COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted certain neighbourhoods. In addition, this phase will prioritize individuals with the highest-risk health conditions in April 2021.

What this all means for Canadore campus operations:

The current mitigation plan for access to any campus and academic delivery remain the same. On-campus mitigation strategies are in effect with increased vigilance on all of the existing protocols. The protocols are based on Public Health guidelines and are **proven to be highly effective if they are followed.**

The College **requires everyone's support** to ensure the safety of everyone on campus.

- Do not attend campus if you have any COVID-19 symptoms;
 - Daily COVID-19 self-assessment on the Canadore Safe App is required;
- The single most effective measure to prevent the spread is a facial covering;
 - Masks are mandatory while on campus;
- Only attend campus when required and if pre-approved;
 - Do not attend campus unless it is required for academic or support reasons
- Keep your distance and follow the protocols;
 - Maintain two metre distancing,
 - Use additional Personal Protective Equipment if it is required by your department-specific plan;
- Class/lab sizes for all academic programming including exams is reduced to a maximum of 10 students - except for exempted health sciences programs where additional precautions are being implemented;
- Only employees required to work on campus should be there, virtual options should be used for meetings; and
- Do not eat in your office if it is a shared space or in a shared lunchroom. Use the cafeteria which has been setup appropriately and is monitored.
 - Do not move the furniture in the cafeteria, sit alone and at a two metre distance from others.

These safety measures will remain in place for the entire rest of the winter semester.

For Canadore Students:

The Student Services department continues to be operational with on-campus and remote options available. Virtual support will be prioritized where possible. All students are encouraged to reach out for assistance at: studentsuccessnow@canadorecollege.ca

Students who are in need can access financial aid through a straightforward application process that begins by contacting our Financial Aid team at finaid@canadorecollege.ca.

For Canadore Employees:

The health and well-being of our employees is our highest priority, so please reach out to your direct Supervisor, Manager or ODTM if you require additional support.

Additional wellness resources are available here: <https://www.canadorecollege.ca/about/staff-resources/wellness-resources>