

Two members of the Canadore College community have reported testing positive for COVID-19

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Here is what you need to know:

- These individuals reported the positive test results;
- The North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit confirms the individuals are close contacts of each other and they are currently self-isolating in a campus residence;
- The individuals were at The Education Centre (100 College Drive, North Bay) February 8-12 during the time of their infectious period;
- Case management has commenced and if high risk close contacts are identified they will be notified by the Health Unit and required to immediately self-isolate. Individuals not contacted by the Health Unit are deemed low risk contacts;
- Canadore has emailed all low risk contacts and asked them to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. If they develop symptoms of COVID-19, they are to self-isolate immediately and contact an assessment centre to be tested;
- Testing for COVID-19 is available. To get tested, call a **testing centre** to book an appointment. You can also take a **self-assessment** to help you decide if you need a test;
- **There is no evidence of on-campus transmission, and on-campus activity continues;**
- **Canadore is not aware that these case are linked in any way to a Variant of Concern at this time;**
- Canadore has already implemented an enhanced sanitization protocol and those efforts continue;
- Do not come to any campus if you have COVID-19 symptoms Seek medical attention (call 911) if the symptoms become severe; and
- The public is reminded to follow COVID-19 public health measures and the Stay at Home Order.

Privacy is a Priority:

It has been Canadore's policy to not release any information that could identify individuals who test positive as employees or students, but in this case the College believes it is important all students be aware.

Canadore's Safety Protocols:

Canadore College has implemented an extensive COVID-19 recovery plan in consultation with the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit. The Plan includes entry screening protocols at every campus, mandatory facial coverings and personal protective equipment where required, and physical distancing measures. Canadore College will continue to work with the local health unit.

Canadore College Preventative Measures:

Canadore College encourages everyone to take the necessary preventative measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. The College has adopted the following measures:

- Wearing facial coverings (non-medical masks) and PPE (depending on course requirements); and
- Practicing physical distancing, good hand hygiene, and proper sneeze and cough etiquette (into your elbow).

It is important to recognize that off-campus activity may impact the ability to continue with on-campus academics. We encourage all College community members to follow public health guidelines:

- Everyone must remain at home, with exceptions for essential purposes which include coming to campus for work, attending scheduled in-person classes, and accessing the on-campus health centre or mental health supports; and
- There are to be no organized public events and social gatherings, except with members of the same household (people you live with).

Canadore encourages you to be vigilant while on campus, and at home. All College Community members have a social responsibility and anyone caught violating the stay-at-home order could be ticketed and fined.