

Campus Access Update – January 27, 2022 – Winter Semester 2022

The Government of Ontario will begin to loosen some public health restrictions at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, January 31, 2022. The health and safety of our employees and students remains a top priority. As a result, Canadore College has made some decisions regarding the remainder of Winter 2022 semester.

In order to ensure consistency for our students, **the current academic delivery model will remain in place until the end of the Winter 2022 semester, which is in April for most programs. Further updates will be provided before that time.**

- All theory instruction will continue to be delivered remotely unless otherwise communicated by the concerned program team; and
- All practical “hands-on” instruction will be delivered on campus, as scheduled, and in-person attendance is required.

Vaccine Requirements

COVID-19 vaccinations are mandatory for everyone – all students, employees and visitors – on all Canadore campuses.

- All students and employees must complete a vaccine passport via the Canadore Safe App prior to entry.
- Exemptions for medical or creed grounds protected under the Ontario Human Rights Code will be considered with the proper documentation.

For full details on Canadore’s vaccination requirement including the exemption request process visit <https://www.canadorecollege.ca/experience/wellness/health-centre/coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-vaccination-requirement-faq>

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Canadore College encourages everyone to get their third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has scheduled on-campus vaccine clinics for students and employees on Friday, February 4, 2022, at the following times:

- 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - College Drive Campus (Lounge across from the Campus Health Centre). A shuttle will be provided from the Aviation Campus to College Drive from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and
- 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Commerce Court Campus in the gym.
- These are walk-in clinics that will be offering Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, which may be used as a third dose regardless of which COVID-19 vaccine was received in the first doses;
- People are eligible for their third dose at least three months (84 days) after their second dose;

- ID is not required. However, if possible, bring a piece of ID (such as your health card);
- The vaccine is free to everyone domestic or international;
- People who are unable to attend the clinics listed above can schedule an appointment at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>.

For more information on vaccine clinics and booking appointments visit <https://www.myhealthunit.ca/en/health-topics/covid-19-vaccine-vaccination-frequently-asked-questions.asp#BookingAppointments>

Other on-campus activities

- Gyms and indoor recreation facilities will resume activities with maximum capacity levels and scheduled times. For more information, visit canadorecollege.ca/sport.
- Activities associated with The Village Collective Impact Project will resume on Tuesday, February 7, 2022.

Meals and Dining Areas

- Food service from campus cafeterias will resume:
- College Drive Campus - January 31
- Aviation and Commerce Court Campuses – February 7.
- Twiggs will reopen at the College Drive Campus on January 31.
- Studying, completing assignments, or socializing will not be allowed in the cafeteria spaces.

Library Services

The Harris Learning Library and Commerce Court Library will resume in-person services on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Masking and Physical Distancing Requirements

Wearing a 3-layer mask is required on all Canadore campuses. A well-fitted 3-layer procedure mask is currently being recommended by Public Health Ontario. **Canadore College will supply all those entering campuses with an approved 3-layer procedure mask.** Until further notice, cloth masks will not be permitted.

You are responsible for ensuring a distance of 2 metres (6 feet) between you and others in your area.

Isolation and reporting requirements

If you have COVID-19 symptoms:

Fully vaccinated employees and students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (most common: fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath, decrease/loss of smell or taste, extreme tiredness not associated with a pre-existing condition) should assume they have a COVID-19 infection and must not attend campus.

- You must self-isolate immediately for at least 5 days from the onset of symptoms, and until your symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms) prior to returning.
- All members of your household, regardless of their vaccination status, must self-isolate at the same time.
- Notify your supervisor or academic lead.

Employees and students who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or who are immunocompromised must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

If you test positive for COVID-19, isolate and notify close contacts. A close contact is anyone you were less than two metres away from for at least 15 minutes, or multiple shorter lengths of time, without personal protective equipment, in the 48 hours before the onset of symptoms.

If you have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person who lives with you:

- Self-isolate immediately for 5 days if you are fully vaccinated, or 10 days if you are partially vaccinated, unvaccinated, or immunocompromised;
- Self-monitor for symptoms for 10 days;
- If you develop symptoms, continue to self-isolate and get tested if you are eligible.

If you are NOT experiencing COVID-19 symptoms but have been exposed to someone who has tested positive (other than a person who lives with you):

- Self-monitor for symptoms for 10 days;
- Maintain masking, physical distancing and all other public health measures if you must leave your home;
- Do not visit any high risk settings as defined above, or individuals who may be at higher risk of illness, for 10 days from your last exposure;
- Report your exposure to your supervisor or academic lead and follow restrictions; and
- Self-isolate immediately if you develop any symptoms, get tested if you are eligible, and follow local public health unit guidance.

NOTE: For those working in a supervised clinical setting who are exposed to a known COVID-19-positive client or patient while wearing approved personal protective equipment, there is no requirement to identify those mitigated exposures or to self-isolate.

Student Success Services Update

Canadore College provides a variety of student-focused services to help ensure student success. Staff navigators provide support for students with disabilities, accommodation planning, learning strategies, mental health, crisis and time management. Those support services have continued to be available during the pandemic and will be available to students regardless of program delivery approach. Students who require support are requested to reach out through studentsuccessnow@canadorecollege.ca.

Reporting positive COVID-19 cases on campus – change in procedure

Ontario has changed its COVID-19 testing eligibility, prioritizing PCR tests for people who are at a greater risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 and those living or working in high-risk settings. High-risk settings include hospitals, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, and congregate living settings. Health care workers who are providing care to immunocompromised people are also considered high risk. You should not seek testing at an assessment centre if you are not in these categories. In light of these changes, Canadore College is updating its COVID-19 policy, and will now only report COVID-19 cases in the college community if an on-campus outbreak has been declared or if the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit requires it. The College will follow Ministry of Health and Ministry of Colleges and Universities requirements for reporting.

Return to Campus Employee Update

In the Fall of 2021, many departments began communicating gradual ‘return to campus’ plans for team members who were not already back to campus on a regular basis. Those plans were placed on hold due to the provincial restrictions announced earlier this month. With the recent lifting of provincial restrictions effective January 31, 2022, those plans can now resume. Please consult with your manager for how this may affect your team and, more specifically, your schedule for on-campus attendance.

For COVID-19 updates visit <https://www.canadorecollege.ca/experience/wellness/health-centre/coronavirus> .
For more information on COVID-19 testing eligibility, isolation and reporting requirements, or how to self-monitor and self-isolate visit www.myhealthunit.ca.