

Campus Access Update – January 3, 2022 – Winter Semester 2022

The Government of Ontario will reintroduce some public health restrictions at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 and the Omicron variant.

The Ontario government's decision recognizes:

- the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly, and
- urgent action is required to protect the province's healthcare system and the health of all Ontarians.

Impact on Canadore College's operation plans - January 2022

The health and safety of our employees and students remains our number one priority. As a result, **Canadore College has modified its plan to reopen** for the Winter 2022 semester.

The College will open on Tuesday January 4, 2022 and semester classes will begin on Monday, January 10, 2022, or as otherwise scheduled.

- All theory instruction will be delivered remotely until at least the end of classes on Friday, February 4, 2022.
- All practical "hands-on" instruction will be delivered on campus, as scheduled and in-person attendance is required.
- Physical distancing and COVID-19 maximum capacity for workspaces are still required. All departments will be asked to ensure original maximum capacity requirements for labs and other academic areas are followed.
- Only those employees who are required on campus to deliver instruction and support services should be on campus.
- Faculty members are encouraged to post on their course D2L news page any change of program delivery.

Other on-campus activities:

- Gyms and indoor recreation facilities, as well as indoor meeting and event spaces, will remain closed.
- On-campus activities associated with The Village Collective Impact Project will be curtailed until further notice.

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, and
- Exemptions for medical or religious 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 Booster

Canadore College encourages everyone to get their third dose. COVID-19 booster vaccine clinics will be available on campus. More details will be communicated once the plans are finalized.

For details on Ontario's COVID-19 contact management guidelines visit; https://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/contact_mngmt/app_11_high_risk_contact_FlowChart.pdf

Masking and Physical Distancing Requirements

- Wearing a 3-layer mask is required on Canadore campuses. A well-fitted medical 3-layer disposable mask is currently being recommended by Public Health Ontario.
- Canadore College will supply all those entering campus with an approved 3-layer isolation 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.

Student Success Services Update:

Canadore College provides a variety of student-focused services to help ensure student success. Those services will continue to be offered remotely. 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.

Meals and Dining Areas

- **Food service from campus cafeterias will be closed until such time as the College can evaluate the provincial restrictions and risk further.**
- Studying, completing assignments, or socializing will not be allowed in the cafeteria spaces.

Return to Campus Update:

We look forward to being able to welcome everyone back to campus, but the timing of those decisions will be determined by public health and provincial government guidelines.

For more information, please see our **Frequently Asked Questions from Canadore College about the Academic Delivery Plans** at: www.canadorecollege.ca/academicplan. We will continue to provide updates on our website and social media platforms as more information becomes available.

Updated COVID-19 testing and isolation guidelines

Effective December 31, publicly-funded PCR testing will be available only for high-risk individuals who are symptomatic and/or are at risk of severe illness from COVID-19. **Members of the general public with mild symptoms are asked not to seek testing. A full list of eligible individuals can be found [here](#).** In addition, most individuals with a positive result from a rapid antigen test will no longer be required or encouraged to get a confirmatory PCR or rapid molecular test.

Ontario is also changing the required isolation period based on growing evidence that generally healthy people with COVID-19 are most infectious in the two days before and three days after symptoms develop. **Individuals with COVID-19 who are vaccinated, as well as children under 12, will be required to isolate for five days following the onset of symptoms. Their household contacts are also required to isolate with them.** These individuals can end isolation after five days if their symptoms are improved for at least 24 hours and all public health and safety measures, such as masking and physical distancing, are followed. Non-household contacts are required to self-monitor for ten days.

Individuals who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or immunocompromised will be required to isolate for 10 days.

For more information visit <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1001386/ontario-updating-public-health-measures-and-guidance-in-response-to-omicron>

These guidelines are subject to change, and Canadore will communicate any further updates as required.

Before Coming To Campus

All Canadore College Campuses remain in restricted access. All students must be currently registered in a Canadore College program, and be accessing the campus for academic programming, a specific event, or obtaining pre-arranged support or services through a College department.

The COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool is available on the Canadore Safe App (available from the App Store or Google Play). **It must be completed before access is granted to any Canadore campus. For those without a phone, the self assessment will be completed with the assistance of Security Services personnel upon entry.**

The self-assessment will confirm you:

- are not experiencing **ANY** COVID-19 symptoms;
- have not been in close physical contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19; and
- are following the Government of Canada travel rules for international travel.

If you fail the self-assessment, you will not be allowed to enter the campus.

You must inform your program coordinator/professor (students) or supervisor (employees) and return home. If you cannot leave campus immediately, you will be isolated while Canadore Security Services arranges transportation home for you.

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms while on campus, you must inform your program coordinator/professor (students) or supervisor (employees) and leave the campus immediately. If you cannot leave immediately, you will be isolated while Canadore Security Services arranges transportation home for you.

If you have ANY COVID-19 symptoms or fever (temperature greater than 38°C), return to your home, inform your academic lead or supervisor. Additional information will be provided for you to contact your local public health unit for additional screening directions.

International travellers who are exempt from 14-day quarantine due to vaccination status, testing negative as per the requirements, and who are asymptomatic, will be permitted to return to campus as long as all federal government rules have been followed. Travellers are asked to monitor these ever-changing requirements to ensure compliance at the time of travel. Refer to the resources below. Canadore will update internal protocols as necessary following the federal rules. <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/arrivecan.html>

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada#entry-vaccinated>

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/covid-vaccinated-travellers-entering-canada#entry-vaccinated>

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/flying-canada-checklist/covid-19-testing-travellers-coming-into-canada#arrival-testing-unvaccinated>

Training

Before attending campus, all students will be required to complete an online training program that will cover the topics in this procedure. A training record will be generated to confirm it has been completed. The video is available on the Canadore Safe App and will be reviewed by your faculty during orientation week.

You are responsible for ensuring a distance of two metres (six feet) around your work or learning area, and for complying with required physical distancing measures. Unless the task requires it, if there are other unexpected individuals in your work or learning area, stop what you are doing and distance yourself. Inform your supervisor or professor if the situation persists.

As we navigate through this phase of the pandemic, Canadore College encourages students and employees to access supports available to them through EAP, campus programs and in the community.