

# RETURN TO CAMPUS FAQ - 2021

As Alberta enters Stage 3 of its Open for Summer Plan, we know many of you will have questions on what it will look like on campus.

## Will I need to wear a mask on campus?

No. As of July 1, masks are not mandatory on campus based on the most current information from Alberta Health Services (AHS). In certain settings, some employees will be wearing masks. Of course, if employees, students or visitors to campus wish, they can wear masks.

## Will social/physical distancing requirements be in place?

No. As of July 1, it is not mandatory for people to keep a physical distance of 2 metres from others based on the most current information from AHS. However, we are still promoting safe physical distancing, which for example, means students may have an assigned seat in their classroom to reduce the number of prolonged close contacts.

We will keep social distance stickers on floors where queues are likely to form to encourage physical distancing. Directional arrows on floors will also remain in place to create a safer flow in our buildings.

## Can I come on campus if I'm sick?

Everyone must stay off campus if they are sick, even if you are partially or fully vaccinated, or previously tested positive for COVID-19. Everyone has a legal responsibility to follow [AHS mandatory isolation and quarantine requirements](#).

## Can I come on campus if I'm a close contact to a positive case, but I'm not sick?

It depends. If you have not been vaccinated, you have legal requirement to quarantine for 14 days from the last date of exposure. If you are partially vaccinated, you will need to quarantine for 10 days though your quarantine period can end early if you test negative on day seven or later.

Full vaccinated Albertan who are a close contact, but not sick, are not required to quarantine.

Please follow [AHS mandatory isolation and quarantine requirements](#).

## Do I need proof of a vaccine to be on campus?

Vaccines are not mandatory in Alberta – so no, you do not require proof of a vaccine to be on campus. Our staff will not ask you if you have been vaccinated as that is your personal health information.

However, the College supports vaccinations as a key health and safety measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

We are following provincial legislation allowing employees to take up to 3 hours off during their workday to get their first and second doses of the COVID vaccine. For more information about the province's vaccine program, visit [Alberta.ca/covid19](https://alberta.ca/covid19).

### **Is it safe for me to return to campus?**

The College will continue to work closely with AHS to ensure our guidelines on campus complies with current public health advice and restrictions and we will adjust our plans as needed.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation not only at the provincial level, but also at the local level, in the regions where we have campuses.

### **Do staff still need permission from their VP to come on campus?**

No. Mandatory work from home requirements are no longer in place. Everyone is welcomed back on campus.

### **Do I have to complete the self-assessment in Portage Alert before coming on campus?**

It is no longer mandatory to complete the self-assessment in the Portage Alert app, however, it may be helpful and provide some guidance to you. After all, we still have the individual responsibility to assess ourselves each day to ensure it is safe for us to come on campus. If you are at all sick, you must not come on campus to avoid infecting others.

Further, everyone, regardless if you are vaccinated or not, still has a legal responsibility to isolate if you have any of the core symptoms of COVID-19. This includes cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell.

If you are not sick, but are a close contact of a confirmed case, you also need to follow mandatory quarantine requirements unless you are fully vaccinated based on AHS's definition.

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