Warriors Protect Warriors: Safety messaging

# General safety reminders

* We all have an important part to play in limiting the risk of COVID-19 and maintaining safety on campus. We must each do our part to keep our community safe.
* By following public health advice, we can help protect our campus community and help limit the risk of spreading the virus. Three simple steps we can all take are to:
	+ **1. Wear a mask.**
	+ **2. Stay 2 metres apart from others.**
	+ **3. Wash your hands**
* These are simple measures, but they are the very best way to protect ourselves and each other.
* Continue to respect and look out for one another as we head into the fall term. We are all Waterloo Warriors, and Warriors protect each other.

# Coming to campus

Please help limit the spread of COVID-19 by limiting your time on campus to necessary visits, and by following public health guidance and the University’s safety recommendations.

If you are coming to campus, be sure to:

* Review the [Welcome Back Waterloo guide](https://publications.uwaterloo.ca/welcome-back-waterloo/home/).
* Complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/) each day before you arrive on campus.
* Wear a [face covering](https://uwaterloo.ca/coronavirus/return-campus/masks-or-other-face-coverings-are-required-campus) in common indoor areas.
* Maintain a physical distance of 2 metres from others.
* Wash or sanitize your hands frequently.
* Check in by connecting to the eduroam Wi-Fi network or by completing the [Campus Check-in form](https://checkin.uwaterloo.ca/) every day you visit campus and for every building you visit.

A number of on-campus operations have reopened or have announced expanded in-person services this fall term. Find out [what’s open on campus](https://uwaterloo.ca/coronavirus/return-campus/whats-open-campus), including a list of which buildings are accessible and their modified hours, on the COVID-19 website.

## Study spaces

Some study spaces are available in academic buildings, and will be marked with signage.

For your safety and to make sure we can keep these spaces open for everyone to use, you must observe the following rules when using the study spaces:

* Wear a face covering at all times.
* Sit only in designated seating.
* Keep a distance of two metres from others at all times.

A limited number of study carrels are also available by appointment at the [Davis Centre Library](https://uwaterloo.ca/library/study-carrel-bookings).

# Information resources

* Get the latest information about the University’s response to the pandemic on our [COVID-19 website](https://uwaterloo.ca/coronavirus/).
* If you need to come to campus, you’ll notice that it looks a little different. Read the [Welcome Back Waterloo guide](https://publications.uwaterloo.ca/welcome-back-waterloo/home/) to learn more about the University’s plans for a safe return and the steps you can take to help maintain a safe and healthy campus.

# Detailed safety messaging

## Wear a mask

All employees, students, visitors and contractors are required to wear a face covering in common use areas of University buildings.

This includes corridors, lobbies, washrooms, elevators, classrooms, teaching laboratories and meeting rooms, or in any area where physical distancing is a challenge. In employees-only areas, managers will set the expectation with their teams based on physical setup and work activities.

A face coveringis defined as a medical or non-medical mask or other covering, including a bandana, scarf or other fabric that covers the nose, mouth and chin to create a barrier to limit the transmission of respiratory droplets.

## Stay 2 metres apart

When on campus, it is important to practice physical distancing by keeping a distance of 2 metres away from others.

We have installed various signage around campus to help with maintaining distance. This includes signs indicating occupancy limits for elevators and washrooms, one-way traffic for stairwells, directional guidance, and designated seating in classrooms and study spaces.

In class:

* Sit in seats marked with decals to ensure physical distancing requirements.
* Maintain physical distancing while entering and exiting the classroom or lab.

## Wash your hands

* Wash your hands frequently with soap and running water.
* When soap and running water are not available, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer is a good alternative.
* Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze and immediately discard the tissue. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands. Wash or sanitize your hands immediately. Learn more about proper [respiratory etiquette](https://uwaterloo.ca/coronavirus/return-campus/workplace-health-and-safety-guidance/eliminating-hazards#respiratory-etiquette).

## Stay home if you are ill

* + If you are ill, showing any COVID-19 symptoms, or have been in close contact with someone who is sick, do not come to campus.
	+ Contact Occupational Health (employees) or Health Services (students).
	+ Follow the advice from your health care provider.

# Campus Check-In

All visits to campus buildings must be recorded using [Campus Check-In](https://uwaterloo.ca/coronavirus/return-campus/campus-checkin). Campus Check-In will help us monitor building occupancy and trace contacts if there is a positive COVID-19 case on campus

How to check in:

* **Automatic check-in** (recommended): Connect to the eduroam wireless network. Any personal device (i.e. phone, tablet, laptop) you connect to the campus Wi-Fi will automatically record your username, building access point (location), and time of connection. You don’t need to do anything else if you choose this option.
* **Manual check-in:** complete the Campus Check-In form at checkin.uwaterloo.ca every day you visit campus and for every building you visit. You will be asked to record the buildings you visited and the times you arrived and left.

# Canada’s COVID Alert App

* The Government of Canada launched a national, voluntary app that will notify users if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. The app is available for free to Canadians and can be downloaded through the [App](https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/covid-alert/id1520284227) or [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.gc.hcsc.canada.stopcovid) stores.
* The COVID Alert app incorporates exposure notification technology provided by Apple and Google and does not collect personally identifiable information.
* The more people using the COVID Alert app, the more effective this tool will be in helping limit the spread of COVID-19.
* Learn more at [www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-alert.html)