



# Camosun College Communicable Disease Prevention Plan

## INTRODUCTION

Camosun College is committed to fostering a healthy and safe work and educational environment for all who choose to join our community. As such, we have developed a Communicable Disease Prevention (CDP) Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic following Provincial Health Officer's (PHO) orders and WorkSafeBC guidance.

In addition to this CDP Plan, Camosun has released [CDP Guidelines to employees](#). We expect there will be changes and updates to applicable sector-specific safety guidelines or ongoing PHO requirements (e.g. gatherings and events). Similarly, those engaged in travel for research or study (e.g. field research, community research, field schools and field trips) will still need to follow local, provincial or federal travel restrictions, local community entry requirements, as well as college requirements for international student travel or field safety plans.

Due to frequent updates within regulations and guidelines, this plan will be considered a living document and will be updated as appropriate.

## SCOPE

The CDP Plan applies to all students, faculty, staff and visitors to the campuses and off-site college activities.

The Plan will follow the direction of the PHO as well as WorkSafeBC and will be in place until further notice.

This plan is meant to cover all regular communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19 (and variants), norovirus (stomach flu) and seasonal influenza.

NOTE: This plan does not supersede any restrictions/guidelines set in place by the PHO and/or public health authority such as Island Health.

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## PREVENTION

The CDP Plan focuses on risk reduction principals to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. The fundamental components of the Plan includes ongoing measures to maintain at all times and additional measures to be implemented as advised by a public health authority:

- I. Vaccines
  - a. Maintain appropriate immunization with vaccinations based upon public health guidance and any additional recommendations pertinent to your unique work or study circumstances;
  - b. COVID-19 vaccinations are recommended for all students and employees at Camosun; and,
  - c. The new BC Vaccine Card program came into effect on Sept. 13, 2021. This program requires [proof of vaccination](#) to access a variety of on-campus discretionary services or activities as a patron or user.
- II. Masks
  - a. Follow the college's mask directive and any PHO guidance around the wearing of non-medical masks; and,
  - b. In accordance with the [PHO Face-Covering \(COVID-19\) Order](#), and the [COVID-19 Return-to-Campus Guidelines](#), masks must be worn in indoor public and common post-secondary spaces on campus by students, faculty, staff and visitors (exemptions may apply).
- III. Hand washing
  - a. Hand washing is highly recommended and encouraged whenever possible; and
  - b. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
    - i. When you arrive at work;
    - ii. Before and after going on a break;
    - iii. After using the washroom;
    - iv. After handling cash or other materials that have come into contact with the public;
    - v. Before and after handling shared tools and equipment;
    - vi. Before and after using masks or other personal protective equipment.
- IV. Sanitizer
  - a. If you are unable to wash your hands with soap and water and your hands are not visibly soiled, you can use hand sanitizer;
  - b. Sanitizer will be located throughout all campuses throughout the school year;
  - c. Sanitize your hands often;

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    - v. Campus users are encouraged to carry their own sanitizer to ensure they are prepared.
- V. Physical Distancing
  - a. Follow the college's directives and any PHO guidance around the physical distancing requirements.
- VI. Cleaning and Sanitizing
  - a. High touch points are cleaned on a regular schedule;
  - b. Campus users are encouraged to observe their area and report any sterilization issues that may be identified.
- VII. Ventilation
  - a. All building ventilation (HVAC) systems are operating and maintained in accordance with WorkSafeBC requirements and [ASHRAE Standards](#) for indoor air quality.
- VIII. Barriers
  - a. Follow the college's directives and any PHO guidance around the physical barriers;
  - b. Various barriers remain in place to assist with the flow of people and to add protection to staff and students.
- IX. Coughing and Sneezing etiquette
  - a. Always turn away and cough or sneeze into tissue or your sleeve and then immediately wash or sanitize your hands;
  - b. Try to leave the room before coughing or sneezing.
- X. Personal Health Checks
  - a. The most important step to preventing the spread of a communicable disease is to STAY HOME when you are not feeling well;
  - b. Self-assess every day before you leave for any campus or College related activity;
    - i. If you feel sick stay home and use the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#) app, the BCCDC [When to Get Tested Resource](#), or call 8-1-1 to determine if you should get tested for COVID-19.
- XI. Communication and Monitoring

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- a. This CDP Plan and [CDP Guidelines](#) for employees are available on Camosun website at [camosun.ca/covid19](https://camosun.ca/covid19) and are shared widely with our community;
- b. Workplace Leaders should ensure that everyone on their teams have reviewed the CDP Plan and understand and follow the measures in place;
- c. The prevention measures will be reinforced through campus signage, social media, CamNews and other communication tools on a regular basis.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CDP Plan please email [OHS@camosun.ca](mailto:OHS@camosun.ca)

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