COVID-19 Decision Tool for Post-Secondary Institutions
October 12, 2021

For all situations listed in the flow chart below:

- **(A) Close Contact**
  - Anyone who is a close contact of a positive case will have to self-isolate for 10 days, and should arrange to get tested with a PCR test immediately and on or after 7 days.
  - If someone is self-isolating in the home, household members can go to child care/school/campus/work but should not leave the home for other non-essential reasons. Essential reasons also include errands such as obtaining groceries, attending medical appointments or picking up prescriptions. Household members who are fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine or who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared are not required to stay home.
  - If the close contact is: (i) without symptoms and fully vaccinated (it has been 14 days or more after getting a second dose of a two dose COVID-19 vaccine series or as defined by the Ontario Ministry of Health) or (ii) is without symptoms and tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and was cleared by public health:
    - They may not be required to self-isolate, but they will need to monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days.
    - They should still go for testing if recommended.
    - They are recommended to avoid any non-essential visits to settings with vulnerable populations or where there is a large number of unvaccinated people.
    - They may continue attending these settings for essential reasons (e.g. campus, work, school, child care).

- **(B) Travel Outside of Canada**
  - Anyone who has travelled outside of Canada is required to self-isolate for 14 days. They are to follow the federal requirements for travel.
  - If the traveller does not have symptoms, household members can go to child care/school/campus/work but should not leave the home for other non-essential reasons. Essential reasons also include errands such as obtaining groceries, attending medical appointments or picking up prescriptions. Household members who are fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine are not required to stay home.
  - There are some exemptions for people eligible to enter Canada who also meet specific federal conditions for fully vaccinated travellers.
  - If the traveller does not have symptoms and is exempt from federal quarantine requirements, household members do not need to stay home.

Faculty/staff/students/visitors must complete the screening questionnaire every day at home, and follow the prompts.

Have symptoms?
Not a close contact
No travel outside of Canada

Stay home, self-isolate and get tested.
Household members should self-isolate for at least 10 days and get tested, unless they are fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and were cleared by public health.

Test Positive:
Faculty/staff/students/visitors should stay home, self-isolate for at least 10 days, and follow advice from public health. They should not go to campus/work.

Household members who are not fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine or who have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and been cleared should self-isolate for at least 10 days and follow public health advice.

Test Negative
Faculty/staff/students/visitors can go back to campus/work if it has been 24 hours since their symptoms started improving, as long as A and B do not apply.

Did not go for test

Stay home and self-isolate for 10 days.
Can return to campus/work, after 10 days if symptoms are improving, as long as A and B do not apply.

Household members should self-isolate for at least 10 days, unless they are fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and were cleared by public health.

If any household members develop symptoms, they need to self-isolate and get tested with a PCR test.

If there is an alternative diagnosis from a health care provider, they can return to campus/work once their symptoms are improving for 24 hours, as long as A and B do not apply. Household members can also return to child care/school/campus/work.

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