



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

Dear Students,

As we move into summer, faculty and staff at StFX are progressing with plans for the upcoming academic year and look forward to welcoming you to our campus this fall.

The public health outlook continues to improve, and we anticipate we will be able to get back to the type of pre-COVID living and learning experience that StFX is known for. Dealing with the pandemic has taught us that we need to continue to proceed with caution, but our intention is to build on the university's success last year when we offered more in-person classes than any other university in the country and saw no transmission of COVID-19 on campus or in the wider community. Building on this very solid base of experience, we will maintain our focus on your safety and wellbeing. Ultimately, we know it will take a collective effort from everyone involved (especially you, our students) to ensure that we have success.

With that in mind I want to update you on the following items:

- **In-Person Classes:** Should the public health outlook in Nova Scotia remain positive, 100% of the classes that StFX normally delivers in-person will take place in a face-to-face, in-person format.
- **Vaccinations** continue to be our best resistance against COVID-19, and the more people who are vaccinated the more quickly our communities can return to life with fewer restrictions. That's why StFX has launched the ['More2gether' campaign](#) to strongly encourage all students to receive two doses of a Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccine at first possible opportunity. The university's re-opening plans assume a high degree of vaccination amongst our students and employees, so it is important that all members of the StFX community do their part and receive both doses of a vaccine. If you are an international student travelling from outside of Canada, email international@stfx.ca for guidance on how you may be impacted by vaccine requirements.

We also anticipate that the Nova Scotia government will make doses available for out-of-province students who don't receive their vaccines before coming to StFX, and we will share details on this as we learn more. However, our strong recommendation is to receive two doses before leaving home if you can do so.

- **Quarantining:** The Nova Scotia government has indicated some form of quarantine will be required for all travelers entering the province who did not receive their second vaccine at least 14 days prior to arriving. For the most up-to-date information on travel restrictions and quarantine requirements, please visit the [Nova Scotia government's COVID-19 portal](#). Quarantine information is subject to change, so it is recommended to check this page for updates on a regular basis. The best way to reduce the likelihood of needing to quarantine is to receive both doses of the vaccine and ensure your second dose is at least 14 days before you arrive in Nova Scotia.

The university will monitor vaccination availability and rates in the provinces and countries from which our students arrive. We will provide more direction for students who must quarantine upon their arrival to the province in the next two weeks.

Waiver: In emails to new and returning students over the last few weeks, the university has reaffirmed our plan to maintain a COVID-19 legal waiver for the upcoming academic year. All students must sign this waiver, in addition to a Student Community Protocols document that outlines behavioral expectations under the university's code of conduct, in order to attend StFX. Please visit www.stfx.ca/waiver for information on why these documents are necessary or email waiver@stfx.ca with any questions. Both the waiver and Student Community Protocols document will be sent to students' StFX email account in late July.

- **Masks:** Out of an abundance of caution, the university will likely start the academic year with a mask requirement while indoors. It is expected that this requirement will be relaxed as the term progresses and conditions permit. All students should bring several re-usable non-medical masks with them to campus.
- **Student Life:** The university anticipates that clubs, societies, and athletics/recreation programs will resume over the course of the fall term, as long as public health guidelines permit. We look forward to cheering on our student athletes and all who get involved in extra-curricular life at StFX.
- **Residence and Meal Service:** Our residence teams are working hard to create outstanding living and learning experiences for you this year. It is also anticipated that

our meal hall and food service outlets will operate much closer to a traditional experience, with some restrictions still in place. Please stay tuned for more information soon.

Over the coming weeks we will share more details as we get closer to welcoming you to campus. Until then, it is my hope that you enjoy a restful, happy, and above all safe summer season. Keep wearing your masks, washing your hands, and making smart choices to protect your health and the health of those around you. We will see you in a few short months!

Sincerely,

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More2gether
Two doses means fewer restrictions

I acknowledge that StFX is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.