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Re: Positive COVID case – let's not let our guard down

This morning we learned that a student living off-campus has tested positive for COVID. The case appears to be related to travel outside of the province. The student is isolating and continues to follow the prescribed safety protocols. The university support plans have been fully enacted, including activating the necessary supports for our student. Public Health is managing contact tracing.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform the campus community of an unrelated incident. Last evening, we had the RCMP respond to a call within Powers Hall and issue a fine to a student related to a gathering that exceeded the mandatory limit as prescribed by Public Health. The penalty for such violations can be up to \$1,000. Along with the fine, the student will now be subject to the StFX disciplinary process.

With only days left of classes before we enter the exam period, these are reminders that we cannot become complacent. The virus does not relent, and we cannot let our guard down. Please be diligent and employ the basic safety measures to keep the virus at bay:

- wash your hands frequently and practice diligent hygiene;
- wear a mask;
- practice safe social distancing; and
- limit your socializing to a consistent group of 10 individuals.

Finally, please continue to monitor yourself for symptoms. If you are experiencing symptoms or are unsure, please take the online [COVID-19 self-assessment](#). You can call 811 if you cannot complete the self-assessment online. Students who experience symptoms and referred for testing are **required** to notify isolate@stfx.ca so that we can provide you with supports and take steps to protect the safety of the community.



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In fact, even if you are not experiencing symptoms, we encourage all members of the StFX community to book an asymptomatic COVID test as a precaution. You can book asymptomatic testing by following the directions in this link: [schedule an asymptomatic test](#).

We've had a remarkable year. Let's ensure we finish it on a safe note.

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