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To the campus community,

As we welcome our New Brunswick students back on campus and into the community and note the half-way point for those students who are in the midst for their own self-isolation periods, I want to express to everyone my sincerest thanks and appreciation for your commitments to keeping the community safe.

As previously announced, we have two active cases of the COVID-19 virus on campus. In each instance the students followed the established protocols and procedures to ensure the risk to the community was low. This is critically important and we are grateful for their actions and follow up. Both students are in quarantine on campus and doing well, being fully supported by StFX staff and Public Health. We wish them well in their continued recovery.

For our new arrivals from New Brunswick who are residing off-campus, please ensure you are following the health protocols and guidelines from Nova Scotia Public Health, including self-isolating in your homes. This applies to those students who arrived prior to the Saturday morning deadline (and within the last 14 days) established by the province. In such cases, the province has indicated that you are required to self-isolate, get tested and remain in isolation until such time as you receive a negative test result. Even in such a scenario, we would ask that you remain isolated and monitoring for symptoms for the duration of your isolation period.

As a reminder, off-campus students in isolation will be supported via our Neighbours Helping Neighbours program, that provides deliveries of groceries and other essential items. We have over 250 volunteers who are currently assisting 400 students in the community. Each student is responsible to cover the cost of items purchased. To register for this program, visit www.alumni.stfx.ca/groceries.

All Students, whether on or off campus, who are isolating are strongly encouraged to get a COVID-19 test on day 6, 7, or 8 of self-isolation. Schedule your test using the COVID-19 self-assessment tool: <https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/>

I would also like to recognize our staff and volunteers who have been instrumental in ensuring our students are supported and our community is safe. Our cleaning staff work tirelessly to keep the campus clean and sanitized while Sodexo prepares hundreds of meals for students in

isolation. Security work around the clock, and of course our faculty prepare for online learning before transferring to in-person classes. This is only a snapshot of the hundreds of people going above and beyond during these unprecedented times.

My thanks to everyone for your ongoing commitment to your personal safety and good health and to those of the community. Please continue to ensure that you are socially distancing, wear a mask, regularly wash your hands, monitor yourself for symptoms and, where warranted, follow the established protocols for self-isolating.

Sincerely,

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