



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

To all students, staff, and faculty,

Earlier today the province announced that it will delay moving into Phase 5 of its reopening plan until October 4th. The new date coincides with the rollout of the province's proof of vaccination policy for certain events and activities.

According to the Premier Tim Houston "... the epidemiology is changing quickly, and we need to take a cautious approach. All current restrictions will remain in place until October 4. By then, we hope to have improved epidemiology of the virus and we will have surpassed our 75 per cent vaccination target."

With last weekend's new case count at 73, today's at 66, and Dr. Strang reporting evidence of an outbreak in the Northern Zone and community spread within the Central Zone, I am reminding the campus community to stay vigilant, regardless of what phase the province is in with respect to its reopening plans. Please practice the basics to keep yourself and others safe:

- Wear your mask whenever possible.
- Keep your social gatherings **small** and keep to the same social group.
- Stay here – limit your travel as Antigonish is among the safest places to be.
- Continue to monitor your health daily.
- Make socially responsible decisions that will keep our hospitals and other emergency services available for those who require legitimate health emergencies.

In addition, the university is continuing to move forward with the implementation of its Mandatory Asymptomatic Testing Policy.

If you feel unwell or are showing symptoms related to COVID, please stay home, and contact 811 for further instructions. If you are referred for further testing, please stay home and

- **Students:** immediately notify isolate@stfx.ca. (or call 902.867.2276) so that we can provide you with appropriate supports and take steps to protect the safety of the community.
- **Employees:** please notify your manager.

The province is not where we had collectively hoped it would be at this time. Let's do all we can to limit the spread of COVID and keep each other healthy. By doing so, we get to continue to be together.

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