

Unanswered questions from the Student Information Sessions – July 28, 2020

Anonymous Attendee 07:18 PM

How do I time a flight to Nova Scotia in conjunction with specific residence arrival times before July 31st? Are those accepted to come out soon? What are the guidelines if I have to wait or am late to these times due to my flight/bus times etc.

Once you have a flight booked you can complete a Travel and Isolation form indicating your flight arrival information. We will contact students to schedule a time that works with their arrival times. That process will begin next week.

Anonymous Attendee 07:19 PM

Are parents allowed into the residence on move-in day?

Yes, students can have one person help them. All need to wear a mask.

Anonymous Attendee 07:19 PM

How will social distancing be regulated on campus? At the discretion of other students and faculty? It seems ill-advised to trust others' assumptions of social distancing transgressions based on their individual perceptions

You find out more here in the Covid-19 Pandemic Plan Student Community Protocols

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/ohs/sites/mystfx.ca.ohs/files/COVID-19%20Pandemic%20Plan%20Student%20Community%20Protocols%20LARGE%20TYPE%20v5.pdf>

Marin McBeath 07:20 PM

I was told by a rep on student council that the decisions about the amount of online classes was a faculty decision, however, I have heard otherwise from other sources. What was the university's role in putting only 25 - 30 % of classes online? Why didn't we do all classes online (if needed)?

The Campus Reopening framework should give the answers you need.

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/ohs/sites/mystfx.ca.ohs/files/Campus%20Reopening%20Framework%20v4%20Large%20Type.pdf>

Anonymous Attendee 07:20 PM

Can parents coming from outside of the Atlantic bubble, assist their child in moving in to residence?

Yes, students can have one person help them. Everyone needs to wear a mask.

Anonymous Attendee 07:20 PM

I am staying in residence and I am wondering how food will be delivered during the isolation?

The meal will be left outside your room. We will let you know when it's coming.

Emma 07:20 PM

When do I find out my move in time, in order to plan my travel plans?

Plan your trip and book your flight. Then fill out the travel and isolation form and we'll work with your travel arraignments.

1234 07:21 PM

In regards to online classes, will there be more online classes made available or added between now and sept 14th if it is found that many students are unable to register for in person classes due to the 50 student cap sizes to the classes??

Will pass this on.

Anonymous Attendee 07:22 PM

I was wondering how retrieving bags from residence storage will work?

Can't retrieve bags until after isolation.

Anonymous Attendee 07:22 PM

Can parents coming from Ontario stay overnight in local hotels after driving their child? When will we know the move in time since we now know the date?

Parents are allowed to enter the province to drop of their son/daughter. Students who are coming from outside of Atlantic Canada will have to submit their Travel and Isolation Plan which includes indicating who is travelling with them. One parent is allowed to move the student in. Everyone wears masks. Once we receive your form we will contact you and arraignment a move in time.

Anonymous Attendee 07:22 PM

Will there be any amendments made to the waiver distributed or not? It currently excuses StFX of any responsibility should the university be found negligent in following its own policies regarding covid-19. Why are the students being forced to take responsibility for their own possible death when they've not been given a choice regarding returning to campus?

Still reviewing

Anonymous Attendee 07:23 PM

With reduced space in classrooms, therefore reduced numbers, the impact on course selection is huge. Is there a plan to ensure that students are able to have meaningful course loads? To date, registration and availability is extremely limited

Answer to come...

Anonymous Attendee 07:24 PM

What motivated St FX to return to campus when the majority of universities are not and what makes you feel you can keep student safe?

Here is our campus reopening framework

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/ohs/sites/mystfx.ca.ohs/files/Campus%20Reopening%20Framework%20v4%20Large%20Type.pdf>

Gail Spurrill 07:24 PM

When will the student advisors be contacting students - need to discuss if arrival time for students traveling outside of the Maritimes and need to arrange flight/bus etc (while still ensuring isolation requirements of NS health).

Contact Studentlife@stfx.ca. They will be reaching out next week.

Anonymous Attendee 07:25 PM

Are the self isolation rules for students at X directly linked to those of the province? Meaning, should Nova Scotia lift it's inter provincial isolation requirements, will X do the same?

Isolation requirements are set by the province, if there any changes to these regulations we will consult with the province.

Anonymous Attendee 07:25 PM

There has been no further communication from the university concerning the waiver. Am I to understand that it has been abandoned? Is the MOU a full-out replacement?

It's being reviewed.

Anonymous Attendee 07:26 PM

For students that are in quarantine in residence, is there some type of daily check on the students to make sure they are coping mentally and physically? Will there be an email address or phone number they can call if they need help?

Yes. Each student will be assigned a support person who will reach out to them to chat and see how things are going during their isolation period. We are also working on developing a safe protocol to allow students in self-isolation to access outdoors daily for some fresh air on exercise. This is not set in stone yet as we are still developing it and would like Public Health to review.

Gail Spurrill 07:26 PM

Can pkgs be sent to the residence via Fed Ex etc (and signed off by someone so that students will have additional supplies, items for their room etc) as it is difficult to fly and travel via plane and bus with more than 2 suitcases

Student packages via courier will be signed for at the post office and delivered to the student who is isolating in residence. We will do deliveries Monday to Friday.

Anonymous Attendee 07:27 PM

Is the university planning on holding a Welcome Day, like they have in other years, in which potentially hundreds of students would be congregated in one area of campus shortly after everyone arrives?

It's not going to look like it did the past, but we will have orientation activities - many virtual and others following within the safe guidelines for students.

Anonymous Attendee 07:27 PM

Can there be a student survey sent out via email to better ensure that every student's voice is heard? That would make sure that those who are unable to attend these meetings can put forward their questions.

We will pass this along. Thank you

Ken and Tracy 07:27 PM

If you chose not to return will your position in the faculty be held until next academic year?

Answer to come...

Anonymous Attendee 07:28 PM

Will any of the demands of the solidarity collective be met?

I would refer you to whomever you presented the demands.

Anonymous Attendee 07:28 PM

Will there be any non-masks areas available on campus that still maintain social distancing for those who struggle with wearing them due to medical conditions

Answer to come.

Gail Spurrill 07:29 PM

Is there flexibility around move in time?

Yes. Submit your Travel and Isolation form and we'll contact you.

Anonymous Attendee 07:29 PM

Are students still expected to sign the current waiver by the due date or is a new one going to be issued?

Next week a waiver should be sent with directions on how to electronically submit your signature.

Anonymous Attendee 07:29 PM

If a student flies into Halifax, will a family member who lives in Antigonish be able to pick them up from the airport and drop them off during the move in time? And if so will that family member have to self-isolate as well?

Yes the family member will have to self-isolate as well. Maritime Bus can transport students from the airport. Maritimebus.com

AdamH 07:30 PM

There was a change in rules for US Students last week. About halfway down on this page: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html>
"You're exempt from the travel restrictions and are able to enter Canada if you're travelling for a non-discretionary or non-optional purpose AND you're an international student who has a valid study permit or you were approved for a study permit on or before March 18, 2020, or you're coming from the United States"

Jan Lewis 07:31 PM

How well will StFX enforce the rules with the students and staff, for example; wearing masks?

Incidences will be handle through the code of conduct through Student Life office.

Anonymous Attendee 07:31 PM

There are many who are uncomfortable signing a waiver until they have heard about where decision makers stand with committing to offering more online options. Will there be leniency and special accommodations with profs and admin if the class is only offered in person, but the student does not feel comfortable attending in person?

Students will be accommodated if they miss classes due to self-isolating. The student will not be penalized and will be provided with the material.

Anonymous Attendee 07:31 PM

Will masks be provided for students should they don't have any? Since they are hard to find and at times very expensive?

We are asking students to bring their own and there will be some to purchase on campus.

Anonymous Attendee 07:32 PM

If a student shows up to class without a mask will they be allowed to attend?

Masks are mandatory unless there is a medical reason.

Anonymous Attendee 07:32 PM

Will classroom seating and class sizes be able to accommodate a two meter distance between all students?

Yes

Sophie Sharp 07:33 PM

Students living in places like Somers and Governors hall and have bedding, furniture, kitchen supplies and others things in a storage unit in Antigonish how/when should we pick up these things? I am concerned I won't have these things during the 12 weeks of quarantine.

Assistance in gathering some belongings may be possible.

VALERIE SINNOTT 07:34 PM

Is New Brunswick allowing students to stay overnight when travelling from other provinces?

No

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If we haven't been told what residence we're going to be in, when might we receive this information?

You should contact residence house at residence@stfx.ca

Anonymous Attendee 07:34 PM

The deadline to give your plans of arrival is July 31 what if you don't know your plans till August?

Submit the form when you know your plans. It's ok if it's after July 31.

Anonymous Attendee 07:34 PM

When we are moving in, though times will be scheduled, what will be done to ensure minimal contact between new students considering how many people will be moving into residence buildings?

Move in times will be scheduled.

Anonymous Attendee 07:37 PM

Should a Professor Get Covid what will happen? with the class?

We would take direction from public health.

Anonymous Attendee 07:38 PM

If Canada becomes one big "bubble" will the 14-day isolation period for out of province students still be mandatory?

We follow the guidelines and advice of NS public health

Anonymous Attendee 07:38 PM

If my child gets sick and tests positive...they are asked to contact isolate@stfx.ca...but as a parent I am concerned who is checking in with them to see how they are? I know my son is prone not to take symptoms too seriously. Who is my point of contact to make sure they are ok? What is the situation with the local hospital if more care is needed?

Public health is in daily contact with all positive cases and as well as student life.

Doug 07:39 PM

How do we get books from the bookstore?

The StFX store will re-open in mid-August. Students will be able to order online and pick up their books or have them shipped to a different location.

Sue Faubert 07:40 PM

I am not sure if this was asked or not so sorry if it is a repeat, If a parent from Ontario has self-isolated in Nova Scotia for the 14 days is that parent able help the student move into residence if wearing a mask and following all the protocols.

Yes. Correct. One parent helps with the move. Everyone wears a mask.

Anonymous Attendee 07:40 PM

Why are students not being asked to get tested?

The province has criteria for testing. We follow the guidelines of public health.

Anonymous Attendee 07:41 PM

If you are a student inside the Atlantic bubble, are you able to have your parents move you into residence?

One parent is allowed to help but everyone wears a mask.

Anonymous Attendee 07:41 PM

If the Nova Scotia government removes the self-isolation requirement, will StFX still require students from out of the bubble to self-isolate before being allowed on campus?

We consult with Public Health.

Anonymous Attendee 07:43 PM

Are professors getting tested? if not how come?

Testing is done by the province.

Anonymous Attendee 07:43 PM

Is there a reason that set "parts of a floor" in residence cannot be consider a group in quarantine together during their 14 days?

Not in residence. Public health has advised against that.

Anonymous Attendee 07:43 PM

as someone living off campus and coming back from outside the bubble how will we be checking in with the school that we have arrived and will be starting our 14 day self-isolation

Submit a travel and isolation form and we will contact you.

Bryana Hall 07:44 PM

I have heard a couple different things regarding students needing to self-isolate, and the meal delivery. Could you clarify if it costs money for meal delivery, I have heard its 25\$ per day?

No charge for meal delivery

Anonymous Attendee 07:45 PM

Will we have to stay within our own residence or will we eventually be able to interact with other residences. Also, if I am from Nova Scotia when I move into residence can I hang out with people within my residence?

Yes you can hang out with people in your own residence. We will be reviewing as the term progresses and possibly lifting restrictions.

Anonymous Attendee 07:45 PM

What medical care is available for student who become ill and where will students go for care.

St. Martha's General Hospital

Anonymous Attendee 07:45 PM

I had read that students self-isolating on campus would have to pay 25\$ a day for food? Is this true as you just mentioned it was free?

There will be no charge for the meals.

Anonymous Attendee 07:47 PM

How will the 14 day isolation be enforced? Bracelets were mentioned before, but having seen them used in the past, it's easy to make fake bracelet. Is there any plan to combat this situation?

They won't be the type you can copy. They are unique.

Anonymous Attendee 07:47 PM

Who needs to sign the MOU and the Waiver?..., both the student and a parent/guardian?

Student and parents will sign for under age student.

Anonymous Attendee 07:48 PM

Nova Scotia's new mask mandate does not include University classrooms or labs - will StFX still require masks in classrooms?

Yes. We will require masks in classrooms and labs.

Rob 07:48 PM

For students isolating outside of town, will St Fx be able to provide a support person if they are located 20 minutes away?

We'll do our best to provide assistance.

Anonymous Attendee 07:48 PM

Are students still required to sign a waiver before they can return to campus?

Yes

Anonymous Attendee 07:53 PM

I have a family member who lives in Antigonish and goes to StFX, will she be allowed to help me move in to residence?

If that person is your parent.

Anonymous Attendee 07:54 PM

Can you elaborate on how classrooms have been adapted for social distancing? Looking at course registration on banner, many of my classes seem to have far too many people in too small a classroom

Classes have been accessed.

Anonymous Attendee 07:55 PM

Are students still expected to sign the current waiver by the due date or is a new one going to be issued?

Next week you should receive a notice to how to sign electronically

Anonymous Attendee 07:58 PM

For students arriving from outside the bubble, will it be possible to have supplies for the dorm such as pillows, sheets, etc. delivered to students in Residence on or around the day the student is due to arrive on campus to start the self-isolation period?

University housing will have linen for those who need it.

Sue Faubert 08:00 PM

Thank you so very much for all your hard work and research on these tough issues, and thank you so very much for opening up. This has not been easy for you so we just want you to know we really appreciate all you do. StFX rocks!

Anonymous Attendee

Where do we submit the waiver? Is the waiver that was sent out on July 10th the finalized copy? When do we have to submit the waiver?

Next week you should receive a notice on how to sign electronically

Anonymous Attendee

Where and when do we have to submit the waiver? It's still very unclear.

Next week you will receive an email on that information.