



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
UNIVERSITY

# COVID-19 Pandemic Plan

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## Student Community Protocols

A commitment to do our part

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# GOOD NEIGHBOURS CREATE STRONG COMMUNITIES.

As Xaverians, we will do our part.

COVID-19 is a very contagious disease that can cause serious health issues, even death. It is a disease that affects everyone, including students. An outbreak on campus could impact access to classes, programming and limit interactions with friends, family and supports.

StFX University had a very successful fall term, without any reported cases of COVID-19 within our campus community. This success is a result of the work of our Public Health leaders, the enhanced and very stringent health and safety measures we introduced this year, not to mention our students' diligence in following them. We are proud of the commitment that our students have demonstrated to our Xaverian values and to their care for our broader community.

At the same time, we recognize that we are never home free from COVID-19. As some students prepare to come to StFX for the first time and others prepare to return following a visit home for the holiday break, many parts of the world are dealing with a very serious second-wave of the virus. So, while we can be proud of what we achieved together this fall, we cannot take any success for granted. Our ability to prevent the spread of COVID-19 this winter will be directly linked to the efforts of all members of our campus community. We did it once before, and we know we can do it again. But it will take work.

At StFX, we pride ourselves on the strength of our community. Community goes beyond being social together and celebrating our spirit and pride. It means looking out for each other and giving of ourselves for the good of everyone.

It means deep respect and service to our neighbours. It means acknowledging our privilege and gratitude to Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral land on which our campus exists, and the people of the town and county of Antigonish.

Citizens living in and around Antigonish have been diligent about following the public health regulations in Nova Scotia so that StFX students are able to come to campus. It is now up to us to recognize our collective responsibility to do our part for the community to minimize the risk of COVID-19.

With this in mind, as Xaverians, I invite you to make a commitment to yourselves, each other, and our neighbours within Antigonish. Through a series of simple pledges outlined in the following pages, we are collectively making the commitment to practice protocols and exercise behaviours that exemplify our values during this time of pandemic. Our communities are depending upon it.

Please read the following thoroughly, taking the time to understand and appreciate why these protocols and behaviours are so important during these unprecedented times; so important in fact, that we have amended the StFX Code of Conduct this year to include them. That's how serious we are about being good neighbours within our community.

When we work together, we can achieve anything. This year, we will all do our part to keep our communities safe.

**Elizabeth Yeo**

Vice President, Students  
St. Francis Xavier University

## A. I Will Adhere to New Safety Protocols:

The following new protocols make it possible for StFX to open our residences and academic spaces. Our entire community will need to follow these protocols and the Public Health regulations to help combat the transmission of COVID-19 within campus and the community of Antigonish.

These protocols and the Public Health regulations are subject to change according to ongoing risk assessments in Nova Scotia. As changes occur, announcements will be communicated through email and posted to [stfx.ca/coronavirus](https://stfx.ca/coronavirus) along with other frequently asked questions (FAQs). New questions may be submitted at any time to [Comments&Questions@stfx.ca](mailto:Comments&Questions@stfx.ca)

### 1. Arrival and Quarantine

**If they haven't done so already, all students must submit their Holiday Break and Return to Campus form, available here: [https://stfx.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9Eooi3Rv2q73xOZ](https://stfx.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Eooi3Rv2q73xOZ)**

#### **STAYING IN RESIDENCE OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK**

Students living in residence for the Fall term who are staying in Antigonish for the break may apply to stay in residence. University Housing will be offering basic accommodations during the break (meal hall will be closed). We may need to relocate you into another residence during this time period, especially if you are in a residence without a kitchen. While the cost of living in residence over this period is not included in your residence contract, we are pleased to offer a discounted rate to any student who wishes to stay.

Christmas break residence fees (accommodations from Dec. 16–Jan. 4, no meal plan): \$250.00. For more information, contact the Housing Office at [stay@stfx.ca](mailto:stay@stfx.ca).

#### **WHEN QUARANTINE RELATED TO TRAVEL IS REQUIRED**

Currently, the Province of Nova Scotia requires any person travelling from outside of the Atlantic Provinces (Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island,

New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia) to quarantine for 14 days. The Federal Government of Canada has also introduced further measures specific to how and where international students must quarantine.

Canadian students who have already quarantined in another Atlantic Canadian province may enter Nova Scotia without quarantining again. Note that as COVID-19 has again been spreading this fall in Nova Scotia that this provision may be subject to change by the provincial government.

All Students crossing the border into Nova Scotia must also fill out a Nova Scotia Safe Check-in Form required by the province. The provincial form can be found [here](#).

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

International students living in residence must complete their quarantine in residence. Off-campus international students are required to quarantine in accommodations arranged by the university (as per federal and provincial regulations). StFX has made arrangements for students to quarantine at a hotel at a substantially subsidized rate, with 3 meals a day and transportation to/from the Halifax airport and the StFX campus provided. Please contact Larissa Strong, Director of Internationalization, at [lstrong@stfx.ca](mailto:lstrong@stfx.ca) for more details.

Please avoid traveling to Canada if you are feeling ill. Please review the check list of possible COVID-19 symptoms listed on page 10 of this document. If you are experiencing these symptoms, do not travel.

International students (and any co-arriving family members) that are at high risk for severe illness ([see the Federal Government website](#)), are encouraged to consult their healthcare provider as to whether it is safe to travel to Canada.

We advise International students to access the ArriveCAN application. Students may use this mobile app to speed up your arrival process in Canada and spend less time with border and public health officers. Submit your information easily and securely using the app within **48 hours before** arriving in Canada.

The app helps you to:

- provide mandatory information that's required for entry into Canada
- reduce your wait time and points of contact at the border
- provide the Government of Canada with voluntary updates on your quarantine compliance and the development of any symptoms during the 14 days after arriving in Canada

Download the app by [clicking here](#). (Click on 'Use ArriveCAN' when the screen loads.)

Upon your arrival, if you start to develop symptoms within 14 days of your quarantine, you must:

- isolate yourself from others as soon as you notice your first symptom
- immediately call 811 to discuss your symptoms and travel history, and follow their instructions carefully

You can also use the online self-assessment tool in Nova Scotia [available here](#) to determine if you need further assessment or testing for COVID-19.

You must also inform the University by emailing [isolate@stfx.ca](mailto:isolate@stfx.ca).

Note: If you are living with a person who is in quarantine or self-isolation because they have or are suspected to have COVID-19, your quarantine period may be extended beyond 14 days. Seek direction from your public health authority.

**Please note that provincial regulations can change. Visit [novascotia.ca/coronavirus](https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus) for the latest updates.**

## **QUARANTINING IN RESIDENCE**

Students who have a confirmed residence space for the Winter term (January to April), and who are required to quarantine, may do so in their residence room. Students isolating in residences will arrive between January 3rd and 6th, with the majority arriving the 4th and 5th. Check-in is at the Charles V. Keating Centre where students who need to isolate will be noted as having arrived, issued a wristband, and provided with information and snacks.

Please note that the check-in area will be open at the following times. Please do your best to ensure you arrive within these time windows:

- January 3: 2:00 pm–10:00pm,
- January 4, 5, & 6: 10:00 am–10:00 pm

**Students arriving after January 6th cannot be accommodated on campus and will have to make their own arrangements to complete their mandatory quarantine period in another location.**

## **ARRIVING BEFORE JANUARY 5**

Please note that all students who arrive in residence to complete their quarantine on or before January 5 will need to isolate up to and including January 18, regardless of when they actually arrived on campus or in

Nova Scotia. For some students, this means their isolation period will be longer than 14 days.

Students arriving on January 6 will need to isolate up to and including January 19 (14 days.)

Students arriving after January 6 will not be able to isolate in residence and will have to make their own arrangements at their own expense.

For questions or for more information regarding these requirements, please email [studentlife@stfx.ca](mailto:studentlife@stfx.ca).

### **SUPPORTS IN RESIDENCE**

Every building will have volunteers and supervisors present in the building to assist students as they quarantine. Students can contact their building support team by calling the Connect phone for their building between 10am and 2am. Outside of these hours Security is available at 902-867-4444.

During the January quarantine period, students in residence who do not have symptoms will have access to outdoor recreational spaces at designated times. Masks and a physical distance of 2 meters are required by every student at all times during quarantine, unless they are alone in their own rooms.

Online and other activities will be provided by Residence Life, the Students' Union and other campus partners for all students. Details will be available on the [University's COVID-19 portal](#) and sent to all students who have registered to quarantine in residence by December 23rd, 2020.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS QUARANTINING ON CAMPUS**

- Students must wash their hands frequently including before leaving their room/washroom and avoid touching surfaces as much as possible while exiting the building. Students should avoid touching their face, nose, mouth and eyes. Students should also bring their own hand sanitizer with them for use to sanitize hands before re-entering their building.
- Students must remain within the boundaries of designated outdoor spaces, recreation spaces, designated smoking areas, and/or identified travel routes at all times.
- Students must not block pathways, entrances, or exits and ensure that it is possible for other campus users to pass by with 2 metres (6 ft.) or greater between them.

- Students, upon their return in January, must wear a non-medical mask at all times while on campus, both indoors and outdoors, unless they are alone in their own residence room. This policy will be reevaluated on February 1st.
- Students who are in quarantine may be required to participate in asymptomatic testing through the Provincial health authority.
- Residence students in quarantine will only be permitted to leave their residence room:
  - to use the washroom (if in a building with shared washrooms),
  - as directed for scheduled meal times and scheduled recreation times,
  - in an emergency evacuation (fire alarm or directed by StFX staff or RCMP)
  - for scheduled covid-19 testing
  - If students develop symptoms or feel unwell, they are not to leave their room, but are instructed to call 811 or the NS Online Screening Assessment available at <https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/> for instructions.

Should there be a need to leave the room for any other reasons, the student must request approval well in advance from the Manager Residence. Students should call Security if they need immediate assistance.

StFX will ensure that signage is posted to direct foot traffic in potentially congested areas like entry ways. StFX will also frequently disinfect high-touch surfaces (door handles, accessibility buttons, swipe access readers etc.)

## **WRISTBANDS**

Only residence students will be issued wristbands at the beginning of winter term. This is to distinguish between students who are completing their quarantine period and other residence students who are staying in residence over the holiday break and therefore do not need to quarantine:

- Students isolating will be issued a red wristband.
- Students not isolating will be issued a green wristband. This group includes student staff and those who stayed in residence over the break.
- The wristbands assist operational staff at meal hall, recreational activities, and residences to identify isolating and non-isolating students.

## QUARANTINING OFF CAMPUS

Students who live off-campus are integrated within the town and have a responsibility to do their part for the safety of themselves and the entire community. The Town of Antigonish, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Antigonish detachment, the Landlords' Association, and StFX have partnered on a plan to support students who live within the town, and to ensure the safety and peace of mind for the permanent residents of the town.

Off campus students who need to isolate for 14 days upon arrival should plan to arrive on or before January 6th to ensure they can attend classes on the 20th.

All students are required to submit their Holiday Break and Return to campus form, as noted above. StFX will assign a support person to every student, who will do regular check-ins. Off campus students can also register for grocery delivery support (within Antigonish). For more information about how to register for grocery support during isolation or for general questions or needs during isolation, off campus students can email [volunteer@stfx.ca](mailto:volunteer@stfx.ca).

## FOR STUDENTS WITH ROOMMATES

Please note that the province has adjusted travel regulations regarding quarantine. Current Public Health Guidelines stipulate that **all members** of a household or apartment must quarantine until the last resident has finished their 14-day quarantine period. **For instance, if the last member of a dwelling arrives on January 6 all residents of that dwelling would need to quarantine for 14-days until January 20, even if they themselves arrived earlier or otherwise didn't have to quarantine because they did not leave Atlantic Canada.** This precaution is to prevent community spread of the virus. Therefore, students who share a house or apartment are strongly encouraged to coordinate their arrival so their quarantine can be completed at the same time.

## 2. Daily Health Monitoring of Symptoms

Before coming to campus or leaving residence, and daily during any isolation and quarantine period, students must assess themselves for symptoms with this simple questionnaire:

In the past 48 hours have you had, or are you currently experiencing:

- Fever (i.e. chills/sweats) OR Cough (new or worsening)

**OR**

Two or more of the following symptoms (new or worsening):

- Sore throat
- Runny nose/nasal congestion
- Headache
- Shortness of breath

If you answer yes to either of these questions, please go to [811.novascotia.ca](https://811.novascotia.ca) to do the COVID-19 self-assessment or call 811 for further assessment by a nurse.

## 3. What to do if you are being tested for COVID-19

Information on how to quarantine (self-isolate) is available on the federal government website.

Students who are being tested for COVID-19, or have been directed to self-isolate by 811, must inform the university immediately by emailing [isolate@stfx.ca](mailto:isolate@stfx.ca). Residence students are also asked to call Safety and Security at 902-867-4444. This information will be kept confidential and only shared with the specific isolation supports students can access, such as Health and Counselling for medical information and services, and Student Life for meal or grocery delivery, cleaning and maintenance coordination, and academic accommodation.

Student Life will notify the Dean's office when a student is isolating and will be absent from classes until they are no longer required to isolate.

If your COVID-19 test comes back positive, you must update the university of your positive test result immediately by emailing [isolate@stfx.ca](mailto:isolate@stfx.ca). Public Health will contact you with further instructions and to gather contact tracing information.

Students are required to cooperate with Public Health so that the appropriate follow-up and support is given to those who may have been exposed. Public Health will determine who needs to be contacted and/or tested.

Students in isolation will only be permitted to leave their residence room to use the washroom (if in a building with shared washrooms), for scheduled meal times and scheduled recreation times.

The exception to this is during evacuation for emergencies (fire alarm sounds, or as instructed by university staff.)

### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS SUPPORTS**

Students experiencing emotional distress may first contact the Residence Life Coordinator on call at 902-870-3191.

Students may also contact Good2Talk, a free, confidential post-secondary student helpline that provides professional counselling, information and referrals for mental health, addictions and well-being to students in Nova Scotia. This service is available 24/7/365. To talk to someone, call 1-833-292-3698.

**If symptoms are such that the student cannot wait for the required support, they are instructed to call 911.**

**If students experience a medical emergency (severe shortness of breath, severe allergic reaction, or any symptoms that cannot wait for a return phone call), they are instructed to dial 911.**

If students leave their assigned living area for any legitimate reason:

- They must first notify their assigned support person
- A non-medical mask or face covering must be worn
- Hands should be washed, or hand-sanitizer applied

Students in quarantine or isolation should keep their windows open as much as possible (weather permitting) to increase air ventilation.

### **IF YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE IS NOT ISOLATING AS REQUIRED**

If you suspect or are aware of someone who is not quarantining or isolating when they should be, have a conversation with the person to understand why they are not quarantining or isolating—for instance, do they need help getting groceries or medications so that they can stay home? Offer assistance and inform them of the supports and services available on campus. Remind them

to email [isolate@stfx.ca](mailto:isolate@stfx.ca). Students can also send a message directly to us using this email address to let us know of an individual who needs support and we will reach out to assist them.

If you encounter an individual, group or business that is blatantly ignoring or going against quarantine or isolation requirements, or any Public Health regulation, call the non-emergency line to the RCMP at 902-863-6500 and an officer can respond immediately. In addition, you may report a concern in confidence to the university by contacting the Director, Student Life at 902-867-2276 or [jdeleebe@stfx.ca](mailto:jdeleebe@stfx.ca).

## 4. Physical Distancing and Non-Medical Masks

The combination of maintaining 2 metres (6ft) of distance (Physical distancing) and wearing non-medical masks is an effective practice to prevent the spread of the virus.

Physical distancing (previously referred to as social distancing) measures are approaches taken to minimize close contact with others in the community.

The measures that are being used include the following:

- Asking everyone to avoid crowded places and non-essential travel;
- Maintaining a two-metre separation from others when outside of the household;
- Avoiding common greetings, such as handshakes;
- Encouraging persons at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19 to stay home unless necessary. These high-risk persons are older adults and persons with serious underlying medical conditions (e.g., heart disease, high blood pressure, lung disease, diabetes, cancer) or weakened immune systems from a medical condition or treatment such as chemotherapy.

Gatherings are limited and must not exceed the current public health regulations. See the [provincial government website](#) for current regulations.

Students are expected to have at least two washable masks and are responsible for ensuring they are cleaned regularly in the laundry. Masks are required to be worn indoors and outdoors on campus at all times, unless there is no potential to be in contact with others (i.e. when you are alone in your own residence room). This measure may change depending on the ongoing risk assessment of the virus in our region and campus.

It is important that non-medical masks or cloth face coverings fit well and are worn safely. The website [Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://Canada.ca/coronavirus) has information on the appropriate use and construction of non-medical masks or cloth face coverings, including how to make your own.

Please note that non-medical masks will be mandatory for international students during their flight to Canada, upon arrival in the airport, during their transportation to their place of quarantine, and any other public space required by the local public health authority.

### **OFF-CAMPUS LIVING AND TOWN CITIZENSHIP**

Students living off-campus are citizens of the Town of Antigonish, sharing neighbourhoods with permanent residents of the town and representing StFX in the community. Good neighbours create strong communities. All citizens have a responsibility to each other to adhere to the provincial rules regarding social gatherings, self-isolation, diligent hygiene practices, self-monitoring for symptoms, and any additional requirements that may be in place when you arrive in the community. Local businesses and organizations may have additional requirements such as the requirement to wear a mask or move through the building by following arrows and other directions. Please be diligent about watching for and following building specific requirements.

Off-campus students are responsible for any guests they permit in their home. Students are advised to call RCMP at 902-863-6500 if they have unwanted guests or guests that are causing a disruption. Off campus students are responsible for ensuring that:

- Social gatherings are within the regulations set by the province. Current maximum gathering sizes are available on the [provincial government website](#).
- Requirements for physical distancing are maintained at all times;
- The property is kept clean and environmental waste is placed curb side on the designated day for pick up;
- Noise is not a nuisance or disruptive to the neighbours;
- They and their guests do not have open alcohol on the sidewalks or while in transit, to or from the home;
- They and their guests use appropriate washroom facilities (no public urination); and,
- They and their guests are respectful and kind towards members of the community at all times.

## 5. Restricting Travel (No Spring Reading Week)

Once settled within Antigonish, we strongly encourage students to restrict and limit travel to essential travel only during the academic term. In fact, StFX's Spring Reading Week has been cancelled in order to minimize campus community travel and the risk of exposure from other communities outside of Antigonish. This follows StFX's employee protocols, which only permit essential work-related travel during the term.

## 6. Diligent Hygiene

Students must wash and/or sanitize their hands frequently as this is another effective practice in preventing the spread of the virus. Hand hygiene refers to washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol. Touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands should be avoided. Frequent handwashing has been shown to reduce viral transmission across a variety of settings by up to 44% and a systematic review in office settings found that hand hygiene was effective in reducing respiratory and gastrointestinal illness in office employees.

Respiratory etiquette describes a combination of measures intended to minimize the dispersion of large particle respiratory droplets when an infected or ill person is coughing, sneezing, laughing or talking, to reduce virus transmission. Individuals should cough or sneeze into a tissue, or the bend of the arm, not their hand. Tissues should be disposed of as soon as possible in a lined waste container and hand hygiene performed immediately.

Hand sanitizer is available in office buildings near common areas used for work. Students using shared surfaces and equipment are required to sanitize their hands prior to use (photocopier/door handle, study spaces, etc.) and again after use of a common area. Wipes are provided to use on contact areas within their residence/study area.

## **B. I Will Learn How to Access Campus Facilities Safely**

Academic and Administrative buildings on campus will have specific protocols for entry, exit, physical distancing, classroom seating, washroom use, and hall-way travel. Morrison Hall (meal hall) will be open with limited capacity and full service (no self-serve). Information about meal hall access will be updated and can be found on the [Sodexo food service website](#). Students, staff and faculty are required to adhere to the protocols posted in each building.

Non-medical masks are required by Provincial law in all indoor public spaces and apartment common areas. This includes academic and administrative buildings on campus. In residence, masks are required other than when alone in one's own residence room.

Outside, masks are required when a physical distance of 2 meters cannot be maintained. At times, StFX may require masks at all time outdoors. This will include the arrival period until at least February 1st.

Campus buildings are monitored for appropriate mask wearing and daily reports of non-compliance are sent to Student Life to be addressed as a violation of the Code of Conduct. On the first offence, there is a \$100 fine. Subsequent offences will result in more serious consequences up to university suspension for the remainder of the academic term.

## **C. I Will Respect New Residence Rules Developed to Keep Students Safe During a Pandemic**

Protocols specific to those living in residence are particularly important to prevent the spread of COVID-19, given the nature of the close quarters and shared living space. Specific protocols for residences are related to shared space usage, guests, building safety, occupancy and substance use. Signage

will indicate the maximum occupancy in each of these spaces. All rooms are single occupancy and washroom access has been adjusted to align with Public Health requirements.

## 1. Guest Policy

Only residents of the building and approved university staff are permitted access any time of day. Students living off campus and in other buildings may not enter a residence other than as defined in the guest policy at the time. The guest policy will be adapted with the level of risk during the term.

- **Red:** No guests. Residents only at all times.
- **Orange:** One guest per resident from 6:30pm to 10:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 6:30pm to 12:30am Friday and Saturday. Guests limited to StFX students only.
- **Yellow:** One guest per resident anytime. StFX students only.
- **Green:** One guest per resident anytime. May include non-students.

To be signed in, guests need to be feeling well with no symptoms and not required to isolate for any reason. Guests must be signed in appropriately by their host, carry a guest pass at all times, remain with their host at all times.

A student who is found to have entered a residence without being properly signed in as per the guest policy is trespassing and will be fined \$250 through the Code of Conduct.

## 2. Building Safety

Each residence has a designated entrance. All other doors are for emergency exit only. Residents are not permitted to allow non-residents into the building without following the guest sign in process with residence staff. External doors must never be propped open or prevented from properly closing and locking unless by Facilities Management with appropriate safety measures in place. Removal of window stops on residence building windows is a safety issue and will be addressed with individuals responsible through the Community Code.

### 3. Substance Possession and Use

The majority of students living in residence have not reached legal age in Nova Scotia to purchase or be in possession of alcohol or cannabis. Students should be aware that it is an offence to have open alcohol outside, including campus property (i.e. streets, sidewalks, parks). The RCMP strictly enforce underage possession or consumption and open alcohol in public places.

There will be approximately 4000 new and returning students moving into residence and the town in January. Everyone must be diligent about monitoring for symptoms and maintaining a healthy lifestyle at all times, but particularly so during this arrival period. Alcohol, cannabis, and other intoxicating substances affect judgement and are often consumed in social settings. Students who choose to use alcohol or cannabis are expected to do so safely and in moderation.

#### **In residence, alcohol is permitted in residence rooms only.**

With adherence to the COVID-19 Pandemic Plan: Student Community Protocols and demonstrated evidence that community spread of COVID-19 has not occurred, alcohol may be permitted in designated spaces (see the Alcohol in StFX's Residence Policy)

Smoking or vaping in building is a fire hazard and is never permitted in residence.

Intoxication or being under the influence will not excuse behaviour that is disruptive or puts the community at risk. Students must be aware that they are accountable for their actions if they are intoxicated, both on and off campus.

Illegal substances and misuse of prescription medication is illegal and never permitted for use by students.

## D. I Understand the Importance of My Actions and Keeping Our Community Safe

### StFX Community Code of Conduct

StFX's COVID-19 Pandemic Plan describes expectations specific to living and studying on campus during the pandemic. Until a vaccine is widely available, everyone must adapt to the new way of interacting and sharing space in every community worldwide.

At StFX, the Community Code of Conduct (the Code) is the governing process for addressing violations of these protocols. The Code and other residence policies can be [found here](#). The Code has been amended with the addition of a new major violation in section 17:

*X) Failing to adhere to the university's COVID-19 Pandemic Plan or exhibiting behaviours that are in violation of any local, provincial or federal legislation that relate to COVID-19 health and safety concerns.*

Incidents of potential violations of these protocols will be documented by university officials and investigated and adjudicated by the process described in the Code. When a report is made, the Manager, Restorative Justice and Student Conduct will review the report and provide an opportunity for the student to give their perspective in writing, in a Microsoft Teams meeting or over the phone. The process for determining a finding and outcomes is described in the Code.

### Outcomes for Violations

One of the most important factors in determining an outcome for a violation is the level of harm or potential harm caused by the actions of the student. COVID-19 Pandemic Plan: Student Community Protocols are for the health and safety of not only the campus community, but also the Antigonish community. The risk of spreading the virus through neglect of the Public Health regulations or these protocols is a serious offence.

Under the Health Protection Act in Nova Scotia individuals can be fined up to \$1000 for failing to follow the quarantine or isolation requirements, physical distancing, gathering size limits, or other regulations imposed under the act. The Town By-Law office and RCMP collaborate with StFX to address concerns in the community. StFX will follow up with students identified in off campus incidents that violate any part of the Emergency Health Protection Act and may impose additional outcomes such as probation, loss of student privileges, or even suspension from the university.

## Reporting Concerns

Any student, staff, faculty, or community member can report concerns where they believe the Public Health regulations or these guidelines are not being followed. To report an immediate concern call the non-emergency line to the RCMP at 902-863-6500 and an officer can respond immediately. In addition, you may report a concern in confidence to the university by contacting the Director, Student Life at 902-867-2276 or [jdeleebe@stfx.ca](mailto:jdeleebe@stfx.ca).

### **My Acknowledgement and Agreement:**

I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the COVID-19 Pandemic Plan Student Community Protocols and agree to abide by them.

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Signature

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Date