

COVID CASE REPORTING & EXPECTATIONS: TRENT STUDENTS

The health and safety of our Trent community are foremost in all of the University's considerations and plans. This document provides guidance to all Trent students on the steps they must take in a variety of scenarios, when possible exposure to COVID-19 is suspected, or when a positive COVID-19 result is confirmed.

Mandatory Education Module

All students who have or will be returning to campus are also reminded to complete the mandatory [COVID Education Module on Blackboard](#), which includes training on areas, including: [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and how it spreads, latest health and safety guidelines, how to navigate campus safely and the University's mask policy, among other key information.

Potential COVID Case Scenarios & Steps

In all scenarios outlined below, the University will follow the public health directives and provincial guidelines. It is important to note that, as privileged medical information, **a diagnosis of COVID-19 is considered confidential**. As such, the University will never release identifying information of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19. Local public health authorities will inform those who may be at risk and inform the University of a confirmed link to Trent's campuses.

Scenario #1: I completed the [Provincial COVID-19 screening tool](#) and it recommends I go for testing

- If you are a student in residence, contact your don or the don on call who will help you arrange for transportation to the closest testing centre.
- Follow the directions of your [local public health authority](#) and contact your don who can make arrangements for you to self-isolate as required.
- If you are living off-campus, stay home, do not come to campus; follow directions of your [local public health authority](#), [self-isolate](#) as required.

Scenario #2: I have learned someone living in my residence, or who attended a class with me, is sick and awaiting COVID-19 test results

- If you are identified as a close contact, your [local public health authority](#) will contact you directly and provide specific directions which may include a requirement to self-isolate and monitor for symptoms, and/or a COVID-19 test. If you are required to self-isolate, do not come to campus until public health has advised it is safe to end self-isolation.
- If you are not contacted by public health, continue to follow the latest health and safety measures and guidelines: Practice good respiratory hygiene, wash your hands frequently, follow physical distancing measures, wear a face mask, and use the [Provincial COVID-19 screening tool](#) regularly (also accessible through the Trent Mobile App). The University is also recommending that all students download the federal COVID alert app.

- If you are a residence student who develops symptoms or are contacted by public health, stay in your residence room and contact your don or the don on call to make arrangements for testing and self-isolation.

Scenario #3: I live in residence and just learned that I tested positive for COVID-19

- Call your don, the don on call, or a member of the Housing Services team who will make arrangements for you to move into a self-isolation room, where you will be provided a full range of supports.
 - Public Health will conduct contact tracing – your identity will be protected throughout the process
- The [local public health authority](#) will advise when you are able to leave isolation and return to your residence
- Continue to participate in classes remotely if you feel well enough. If you are unable to continue in your classes due to illness, contact your course instructor.

Scenario #4: I live off-campus but have recently been on campus for a class or other purpose and just learned that I tested positive for COVID-19

- Follow public health directives to [self-isolate. Do not come to campus.](#)
- The [local public health authority](#) will advise when you are able to leave isolation.
- Public Health will conduct contact tracing – your identity will be protected throughout the process
- Email studentaffairs@trentu.ca with your phone number so we can contact you; please include details of when you were last on campus.
- Trent University will provide a contact person to help you. Assistance could include if you are experiencing difficulties or issues with being able to self-isolate (e.g. shared room), need help managing academics or contacting faculty, or need further resources.
- Contact your course instructor about options to continue studying remotely if you feel well, or if you are unable to continue due to illness.

Scenario #5: I live off-campus, am studying remotely (have not been to campus) and just learned that I tested positive for COVID-19

- Follow public health directives to [self-isolate. Do not come to campus.](#)
- The [local public health authority](#) will advise when you are able to leave isolation.
- Email studentaffairs@trentu.ca with your phone number so we can contact you; confirm you are studying remotely and have not been on campus.
- Trent University will provide a contact person to help you. Assistance could include if you are experiencing difficulties or issues with being able to self-isolate (e.g. shared room), need help managing academics or contacting faculty, or need further resources.
- Continue to participate in classes remotely if you feel well. If you are unable to continue due to illness, contact your course instructor.

Scenario #6: I am on a Trent placement and the facility I work in has a confirmed case of COVID-19

- Contact your placement coordinator or course instructor. They will provide instructions on whether you can continue with your placement, or if alternate arrangements should be made, based on the facility's policies and the advice of public health.
- Continue to follow the latest health and safety measures and guidelines: Practice good respiratory hygiene, wash your hands frequently, follow physical distancing measures, wear a face mask, and use the [Provincial COVID-19 screening tool](#) regularly (also accessible

through the Trent Mobile App). The University is also recommending that all students download the federal COVID alert app.

Scenario #7: I was called by public health and identified as a close contact of a person with COVID-19

- Follow the direction of public health to [self-isolate](#) and monitor symptoms, and/or be tested. Do not come to campus.
 - Public Health will conduct contact tracing – your identity will be protected throughout the process
- Advise your don or Housing Services if you are living in residence.
- Advise your course instructor if you are participating in in-person classes and need to transition to remote learning or make alternate arrangements for classes, assignments or exams.

Scenario #8: I live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

- [Self-isolate](#), use the [Provincial COVID-19 screening tool](#) and follow directions of Public Health regarding testing. Do not come to campus.
- If you test positive, follow directions of Public Health.
- If you test negative, limit contact with the individual while they are self-isolating and [self-monitor](#) for symptoms daily.

Scenario #9: I live with someone who been identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case

- [Self-isolate](#), use the [Provincial COVID-19 screening tool](#) and follow directions of Public Health regarding testing. Do not come to campus.
- If you test positive, follow directions of Public Health.
- If you test negative, limit contact with the individual while they are self-isolating and [self-monitor](#) for symptoms daily.

A Reminder

The measures implemented by the province, public health and by Trent are designed to reduce both the risk of acquiring COVID-19 if you come into contact with someone who has it, and to reduce the chance of you spreading it if you have it and are not aware. Practice good respiratory hygiene, wash your hands frequently, follow physical distancing measures, wear a face mask, and use the [Provincial COVID-19 screening tool](#) regularly (also accessible through the Trent Mobile App). The University is also recommending that all students download the federal COVID alert app. Consistently adhering to all of the requirements, protocols and practices is your best defense against COVID-19.