

Overview

Currently, in accordance with Canada's *Quarantine Act*, **new international students coming into Canada will be required to take a COVID-19 test before leaving the airport to spend 3 nights in quarantine at a federal government authorized hotel, which the traveler must pre-book and pay for, while awaiting test results. With a clear test result, travellers will proceed to the quarantine site identified in their quarantine plan to continue their mandatory 14-day quarantine period. Ten days into the quarantine, the student will use a take home test provided at their arrival in Canada. A further clear result will be required before leaving quarantine at 14 days.** Details on these requirements and a list of federal government authorized hotels are available online at:

[Government of Canada expands restrictions to international travel by land and air - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/government/public/government-of-canada-expands-restrictions-to-international-travel-by-land-and-air-2020-09-24.html)

Prior to leaving their home country, the College will assign the student a Student Support Contract person (SSC) who will maintain regular communication with the student, ensuring compliance with their requirements and that their needs are being met. This communication will primarily be via e-mail, telephone, and/or video calling. The Student Support Contact will notify the regional health authority should any issues arise with respect to compliance to the post-arrival quarantine plan (in accordance with the College's [International Student Self-Isolation Case Management Guidelines](#)

Prior to travel, students must complete the [International Student Travel Information Form](#). A copy of this form will be kept by the College and a copy must accompany the student during his/her travels to Canada. It is likely customs officials will require some of the information on that form so you may want to keep it with your passport.

During the 14-day quarantine/self-isolation time, students may begin attending classes virtually, provided they have a computer or laptop with high-speed internet access to do so.

New students into Canada must use the airport transport service offered by their place of accommodation, or another service that has been pre-arranged and approved by the College, to travel from the airport to the accommodations where you will be self-isolating. Each place of accommodation will have their own health and safety protocols, which they will communicate to incoming students.

Students will receive information and guidance regarding expectations and managing their day-to-day activities during their 14-day self-isolation period. The College will assign a Student Support contact who will maintain regular communication with the student, ensuring compliance with their requirements and that their needs are being met. This communication will primarily be via e-mail, telephone, and/or video calling.

Mental health support services are available virtually through various medical facilities and services throughout British Columbia. The following link contains options that students can use should they require mental health support:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/virtual-supports-covid-19>

2.4.1 Mandatory COVID-19 Testing if experiencing symptoms.

Students MUST be tested for COVID-19 if they experience symptoms during their quarantine period.

Public Health recommends having this testing done at the nearest COVID-19 assessment centre.

[BC Centre for Disease Control \(BCCDC\) Testing](#)

2.4.2 Self-Isolation/Quarantine Compliance

Students cannot break their quarantine for any reason at any time.

If students break their self-isolation/quarantine at any time for any reason, they MUST report that they have done so immediately to their assigned student support contact. The Government of Canada will use its authority under the *Quarantine Act* to ensure compliance with the order. Failure to comply with this order is considered an offense under the Act.

The Student Support Contact will notify the Regional Health Authority should any issues arise with respect to compliance by the student with the self-isolation/quarantine mandate. In addition, any student experiencing symptoms of or exposure to COVID-19 who does not report the incident to the Student Support Contact forthwith, will be considered to be endangering the health, safety and well-being of others and may be subject to immediate dismissal from their program of study.

Students who do not comply with the self-isolation/quarantine requirements per the *Quarantine Act* may face a fine of up to \$750,000 and/or imprisonment for six (6) months. Additionally, anyone who causes a risk of imminent death or serious bodily harm to another while willfully disobeying the *Quarantine Act* and its regulations may face a fine of up to \$1,000,000 and/or imprisonment for up to three (3) years. Random inspections will be conducted by the Government of Canada to ensure compliance.

Students must follow the self-isolation/quarantine guidelines outlined by Public Health authorities. Students must download the COVID Alert app onto their smartphones, in addition to the "[ArriveCAN](#)" app which must be downloaded prior to their arrival in Canada.

If Symptoms Develop During Self-Isolation/Quarantine after their arrival to British Columbia, Canada

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- The student must quarantine immediately in their bedroom or another room in the place of accommodation.
- The student must inform the student support contact and accommodation contact immediately. Campus Management will contact the host or point of contact at the accommodation, instead of the student, to ensure objective communication regarding the student's situation.
- The student, with assistance from the College, must contact the local public health authority and follow the instructions and advice provided by that public health authority. This could include continuing self-isolation or going to a medical facility such as a hospital.

- A deep and thorough cleaning of all areas the student has visited will be performed. This will include deep cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces and accessible areas.
- The College will immediately contact local Public Health authorities to report the case and/or outbreak.
- Assigned school staff will continue to closely monitor the student, accommodation contact, and all others who may be at risk of having contact with the affected student.
- The College will continue to enforce the enhanced health and safety protocols at the College and during any College-related student activity on- or off-campus.
- Once the student has been cleared by local public health authorities and has completed at least 14 days of quarantine, the student will need to contact the College and speak to the Director of Operations or the Associate Director of Campus Administration and confirm that they are able to return to school.

The HealthLink BC Directory below provides listings for health services provided by the provincial government, provincial health authorities, and non-profit agencies across the province.

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/services-and-resources/find-services>

Students can search for walk-in clinics, emergency rooms, hospitals, mental health programs, home care programs, pharmacy services, laboratory services, and more. Search by keyword. For help searching the directory, call 8-1-1 any time of the day, any day of the week to speak with a health service navigator.

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