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In keeping with Public Health direction, Eastern Academy is pleased to provide **on-site instruction** for all of its programs. Some programs will use a blended learning approach which is a combination of both on-site learning and online learning. Online learning is delivered using Eastern Academy's *World Classroom* powered by Brightspace.

### **How has the college addressed the public safety issue?**

We take the safety of our students, faculty, and staff very seriously. As the alert levels have lifted over the summer, and in keeping with public health guidelines, it has been wonderful to welcome some of our senior students back to complete their practical coursework. We are very proud of how diligently our college community is following the on-campus safety protocols. Some key protocols include:

- Everyone who plans to come to our campus must complete a **COVID-19 Self-Monitoring Questionnaire**. Anyone who is experiencing symptoms may not come to campus and are directed to inform the person who was expecting them so alternate plans can be made. As always, anyone experiencing symptoms is asked to call 811 for health advice.
- Everyone is required to wear a **non-medical face mask** when inside the building. Some students, depending on their program, will use additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- **Handwashing** facilities and hand sanitizing stations are throughout the facility and frequent handwashing/sanitizing is required.
- Follow directional signage to allow **physical distancing** to be maintained in hallways. Markers are on the floor to help physical distancing while queuing and Plexiglass shields/physical barriers are installed in some areas. Classroom seating plans have been adjusted to allow for physical distancing.
- **Enhanced cleaning protocols** are in place, including detailed protocols for cleaning the classroom and shop environment. **Antiviral electrostatic foggers** are used to help with the cleaning process.
- **Protocol Monitors** are here to help ensure everyone understands and follows the safety protocols.

### **Do I have to wear my mask all the time?**

Yes, you do as per the Public Health Authority Special Measures order. The exception for post-secondary institutions like ours is when you are **seated** in a classroom with 2 meters (6 feet) of physical distance. Please note, you must wear your mask when you are moving around in the classroom.

### **What if I see someone not wearing a mask?**

Some individuals are not able to wear a mask for health reasons and we need to show kindness and be non-judgemental of this. However, if you wish to give a friendly reminder to someone who may have forgotten, you may certainly do that. If you have a concern, please notify your Instructor or Campus Administrator.

### **What if someone experiences symptoms while they are on campus?**

A procedure for daily screening for symptoms is in place and symptomatic individuals are not permitted on campus. However, it is also necessary to plan for appropriate action in the event that an individual experiences symptoms of COVID-19 while on the premises that are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition. The *Symptomatic Event Pandemic Plan* will be implemented, which includes the following:

- All individuals in the impacted class are to go directly home and self-isolate. This means no contact with the public or the people in their bubble.
- Instruct individuals with symptoms to visit <http://www.gov.nl.ca/covid19/> and complete a self assessment before calling 811.
- The Instructor will immediately notify Campus Administration of the symptomatic event and provide a list of names of everyone who was in attendance.
- The instructor will lock the shop/room. Campus Administration will put “Do Not Enter” signage on the entrances until the room and equipment can be disinfected.
- Campus Administration will notify the appropriate authorities of the suspension of the class due to a symptomatic event.
- Campus Administration will follow up with a phone call to each impacted individual.
- Following public health direction, Campus Administration will advise instructors and students on the next steps with regards to resuming training.

**Please Note:** We have a duty to protect the privacy of any symptomatic instructor, student or staff member, notwithstanding the above response actions.

**What if I can't attend class on-site because of health concerns?**

Please reach out to the campus and request an *Application for Alternate Forms of Delivery*.

**Will I need a computer and Internet access to complete my program?**

Some programs do have courses that are delivered online using World Classroom – this has been the case for many years. Some programs are now using a blended delivery format that will also use World Classroom. You will need computer and internet access in these cases. Funding support may be available for you, so please reach out to your admissions officer for more information, including details on hardware and software requirements.

**Are student clinics open to the public?**

Yes, but please contact the campus to make an appointment. Walk in appointments cannot be accepted as we have to follow extensive safety protocols. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

For information about COVID-19, please consult the websites for [Global Affairs Canada](#), [Public Health Agency of Canada](#), and the provincial COVID-19 website: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/>