

What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new coronavirus first diagnosed in humans in late 2019. Coronaviruses are typically and naturally found in animals. In humans, they can cause diseases ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

COVID-19 Pandemic On-Campus Guidelines Training

This online course is a mandatory 30-minute awareness program. This short program will help you gain knowledge on safety protocols to protect yourself while studying on campus.

It's automatically loaded on your BCIT Learning Hub. You can access this course by logging into learn.bcit.ca and you will find the course listed under "My Courses".

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your health and safety at BCIT, please speak with your faculty member and to ssemohs@bcit.ca.

BCIT Student Orientation

Your safety is our first priority. As BCIT campuses gradually re-open, we will carefully assess any activity or study that requires students to return to campus to ensure compliance with safe work protocols as determined by Public Health, the BC Centre for Disease Control, and WorkSafeBC.

If you are a new or returning student, you must follow the safety guidelines below. Your actions are critical to protecting not only your health but also that of your classmates, instructors, and the community.

Safety Rules

- DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS if you feel sick or exhibit any of the [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, a cold, or the flu.
- DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS if you are self-isolating. At all times, adhere to the Provincial Health Officer's [Orders](#), including the [use of non-medical masks](#). [Wear a mask](#) in all common areas, such as hallways, stairwells, elevators, and areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Physical distance of two meters must be maintained at all times.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Avoid large gatherings in common areas.
- Do not share tools unless they can be properly disinfected between each student's use.
- Pay attention to and follow directional and informational signage.
- Do not touch your face unless you have clean hands.
- Clean any tools or equipment you have used, as you are instructed.
- Wash your hands regularly throughout the day. Before and after class, at a minimum.
- Follow your site-specific safety protocols to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Protecting Yourself and Others

- Complete the mandatory student COVID-19 Pandemic On-Campus Guidelines Training before returning to campus.
- Complete any other training and orientation provided to you.
- Do not come to campus if you are feeling unwell. A reminder that prior to attending any BCIT campus, all students are required to complete a wellness check using the [Province of BC's Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Familiarize yourself with BCIT COVID-19 protocols and resources:

- [Information for Students](#) on BCIT COVID-19 Institute Response website.
- Your site Safety Plan (posted onsite) which outlines safety procedures and guidelines.
- Your site-specific risk assessment (posted onsite), if applicable.

For more important information on BCIT's COVID-19 response, visit: <https://www.bcit.ca/covid-19/>

For more information on health and safety, visit OHS website: <https://www.bcit.ca/safety-security/health-safety/>

