

Protocol for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission

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At Georgian College, the health and safety of our community is our priority. This protocol will ensure the risk of transmitting COVID-19 is minimized to the greatest extent possible. The college follows all recommendations and requirements of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, the Government of Ontario, and the district health unit. Failure to follow this protocol may result in discipline in accordance with the [employee](#) and [student](#) codes of conduct.

This protocol applies to all persons at all times while on Georgian property. All questions regarding this protocol shall be directed to Campus Safety Services at campussafetyservices@georgiancollege.ca or 705.728.1968, ext. 6111.

Please note: *this protocol is subject to change based on recommendations and requirements of our public health authorities, the Government of Ontario and/or the Government of Canada. A new or updated protocol will be released as necessary.*

1. All persons shall wear Georgian-supplied Level 1 or Level 2 medical-grade face coverings at all times while inside any Georgian College classroom, lab, testing centre or library.
 - i. Level 1 or Level 2 medical-grade masks will be available within all labs, classrooms, and libraries as well as the following locations:
 - Barrie: Parking Office (B119)
 - Downtown Barrie location: Main entrance
 - Midland: Main entrance
 - Muskoka: Welcome Centre
 - Orangeville: Welcome desk
 - Orillia: Welcome Centre
 - Owen Sound: Welcome desk
 - South Georgian Bay: Welcome desk
 - ii. As an alternative to the Georgian College-supplied Level 1 or Level 2 masks, persons may elect to wear a KN95 or N95 mask, as long as it is clearly identified as such.
 - iii. Personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by the college for the prevention of transmission of COVID-19 does not replace the need for previously required lab-specific

- PPE or PPE required by regulatory bodies. Determining the appropriate PPE for risks other than COVID-19 is the responsibility of the faculty and associate dean.
- iv. The only exceptions to wearing face coverings in classrooms, labs, testing centres and libraries will be for medical exemptions as part of an accommodation approved by Student Services or Human Resources.
 - v. Georgian events both on and off campus will not require masks, unless it is a requirement of an off-campus facility.
 - vi. If non-academic activity is held within labs or classrooms, i.e., meetings or tours, masking is not required in the lab/classroom.
2. Food and drinks shall not be consumed in classrooms, labs (except hospitality programs) or and libraries.
 3. All persons shall consistently practise hand hygiene:
 - i. Frequent hand washing with soap and water
 - ii. Frequent hand sanitizing with an effective sanitizer, where hand-washing facilities are unavailable
 - iii. Avoid touching your face (mouth, nose, eyes)

Where supplies need to be replenished, [submit a Work Order](#) or use the QR code in washrooms, labs or hand sanitizer stations.

4. All persons must follow the [Georgian College COVID-19 Reporting Protocol](#). No persons shall attend the college if they're sick. Anyone who feels ill, or shows symptoms of illness while at the college, shall leave immediately and notify their instructor or manager when it's safe to do so.
5. Georgian College shall meet all Public Health Ontario requirements for disinfection of COVID-19 by following [Georgian College Protocol for Cleaning and Disinfecting](#) during COVID-19. This protocol outlines enhanced cleaning practices and procedures implemented for all college campuses.