

# How U of G Is Preparing for Your Safe Return

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As we prepare for the safe return of more students, faculty and staff to our facilities, we're closely following local and provincial guidelines and adjusting our plans to help protect our community. Through the combined actions below, we're creating a safe environment to welcome you back.

## VACCINATION



**Access** – COVID-19 vaccinations are available on campus and will continue this fall for students, faculty and staff. We'll facilitate vaccinations for our international students, too.

**Education** – Our #GryphonsGetVaccinated campaign provides accurate info, dispels myths and helps our community feel confident in getting vaccinated.

## PERSONAL SAFETY



**Call centre** – If you've tested positive for COVID-19, the U of G COVID-19 call centre – launching soon – is your first point of contact to help you navigate next steps. The call centre can also answer your COVID-19 questions and concerns.

**Masks and PPE** – Masks are required on campus, and rules are in place for additional personal protective equipment based on the work or learning environment.

**COVID testing** – On-site COVID-19 testing is available for students, faculty and staff experiencing symptoms or identified as high-risk contacts.

**COVID-19 Safety Training** – Before you come back to campus, complete our safety training so you're comfortable with the steps you need to take to keep yourself and others safe.

**Flexible work** – As staff return to campus, plans may involve temporary hybrid arrangements, with individuals working on campus some days and remotely on others.

**Mental well-being** – Take care of your mental health and well-being with resources on our Gryphon Family Portal.



## FRAMEWORKS & GUIDELINES

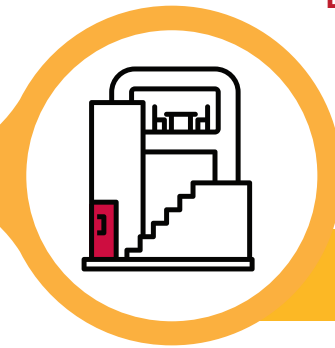
Research, academic and employee frameworks along with our operational plans will help ensure the University's key functions can be performed safely within provincial and public health rules.

**Ventilation and air filtration** – We're maximizing the flow of outside air into our ventilation systems to optimize the inside environment. We're also conducting audits of classrooms to assess air flow.

**Enrolment caps** – To help reduce classroom densities, face-to-face course sections will be capped at enrolment of 250 students.

**Physical distancing** – Signs around campus and reduced space capacities help keep us safely apart, together. Guidelines are available for maintaining distance and staying safe in labs, study spaces, workspaces and more.

**Enhanced cleaning** – High-touch surfaces in high-traffic areas like classrooms are cleaned frequently. Supplies are on-hand to disinfect shared equipment before use. Hand sanitizer stations are available across campus.



## SAFE SPACES

## HEALTH MONITORING



**Wastewater testing** – We're regularly testing wastewater on campus for signs of COVID-19 so we can respond appropriately.

**Daily screening** – Before coming to U of G facilities, everyone must complete the U of G COVID-19 Screening Form and follow its direction.

**Rapid testing** – U of G took part in a rapid testing pilot program this winter. Now, we're looking at how we can expand that testing to those coming to campus.

**Self-declaration and safe returns** – If you have COVID-19 or are self-isolating, follow our processes to let us know and enable us to support you. When you're safe to come back, we'll help with your return.

**Managing positive cases and outbreaks** – We have systems in place to help reduce the risk to others in our community and an outbreak protocol if needed.