

NIC COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

	General Operations	Employee Worksites (On-campus work & activities)	Services / Bookable Space (Libraries/Student Services/ Cafeterias/Bookstores)	Learning Spaces	Non-Core Educational Services (On-campus events)
Vaccination is strongly recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All NIC campuses are open to public, with normal operations. Daily self-administered health check is a personal responsibility. Do not attend campus when ill. If ill, isolate and contact 811. Masks are a personal choice in classrooms and public indoor spaces. e.g., washrooms, hallways, Library & Learning Commons, cafeterias and public gathering areas. Normal social contact. Cleaning and sanitization is in place, with cleaning products and hand sanitation available for use by personal choice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks are optional in all public indoor spaces. e.g., washrooms, hallways, cafeterias, and common employee areas. This includes meeting rooms, shared office spaces, one-on-one visits or appointments between employees and students or the public and moving around communal workspaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-service operations with normal occupancy. Organized gatherings can be booked with full capacity and normal social contact. Masks are a personal choice in indoor public spaces. Campus cafeterias must operate using communicable disease control plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full occupancies within classrooms, theatres, and labs. Field schools and field research are not limited. Barriers and screens remain in place (until further notice). Face coverings will be optional for people in all indoor public settings. Students and employees may continue wearing a mask based on personal choice. 	<p>Showing the BC Vaccine Card proof of vaccination to access non-essential events, services and businesses is no longer required.</p>

As of March 11, 2022, masks are optional inside NIC campus buildings. This includes worksites, learning spaces and services.

* Guidance for this document is taken from the [Return-to-Campus Guidelines for Post-Secondary](#).

Self-Assessment

Stay at home when sick and avoid close contact with others. The Ministry of Health, in partnership with Thrive Health, created a [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to provide up-to-date guidance and recommendations for COVID-19 testing and follow-up that follows BCCDC guidance. This tool does not replace your health care provider's advice.

Rapid Test Kits

Rapid tests continue to be available for student and employee pick up at Student Services offices at each campus, as supplies last. More information on test kits, including when and how to use them, can be found in the [COVID-19 Rapid Testing Guidance for Post-secondary Institutions](#).

BC Vaccine Card

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COVID-19 Vaccination

NIC strongly encourages all students and employees who are medically able to receive COVID-19 vaccination to do so, in line with BC Public Health guidance. Learn more about [vaccination registration and eligibility](#), [how to find trusted information about vaccines](#) and [vaccine safety](#). To book an appointment, visit www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register or call 1-833-838-2323.

For more information, employees should contact their supervisor; students should contact questions@nic.bc.ca.