



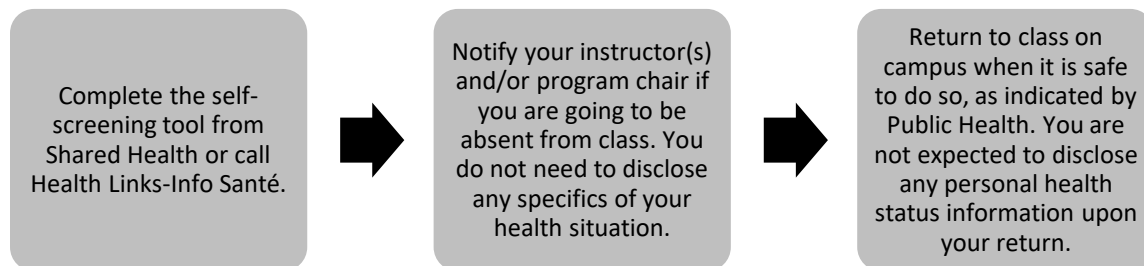
Procedure for Responding to Students who have COVID-19 Symptoms

At all Assiniboine campuses, staff, students and visitors are all required to self-screen for COVID-19 before entering the building.

If a student at Assiniboine exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, they should:

- Complete the [self-screening tool from Shared Health](#) and / or call Health Links-Info Santé toll free in Manitoba at 1-888-315-9257 (in Winnipeg at 204-788-8667).
- Students should alert their instructors and/or program chair about missing class(es), but they are not expected or required to disclose their personal health status to the college, either when they have symptoms or are safe to return to campus.
- **If an individual is experiencing severe symptoms or difficulty breathing, they should call 911 immediately.**

Based on test results, local public health officials will advise the individual what actions should be taken.



Students are not required to disclose detailed personal health information to the college; however, if a student **voluntarily discloses information** regarding a positive COVID-19 test result to a college staff member, a college official will follow up to ensure health & safety of campus environments is upheld.

Please note:

When a case of COVID-19 is confirmed, local public health officials will lead the response.

- The local public health authority will advise Assiniboine if a confirmed case of COVID-19 was present on campus during the person in question's infectious period, and assess the need for the institution or part of the institution to be closed for a period of time, and provide any other further direction.
- Local public health authorities will identify close contacts of a positive case and contact those individuals who may have been exposed.
- Institutions may be advised to close off areas used by the infected person and not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting is completed.

If there was no significant exposure on campus, Assiniboine will not be notified.

FAQs for Students

1. What are the symptoms I should look out for?

Manitoba Health outlines symptoms of COVID-19. Please use their COVID-19 screening tool online at sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool. You may also call 1-877-308-9038.

2. What do I do if I feel sick?

If you are at home and experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 as indicated by the Shared screening tool, you must:

1. Follow the guidance provided by the [Shared Health COVID-19 Screening Tool](https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool)
2. Remain at home and don't go to college when sick, even if the symptoms are mild.
3. You should let your chair know that you are feeling unwell. If you do not know who the chair of your program is, contact your school office.

If you are already at College and experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, you must:

1. Let your program's chairperson know that you are feeling unwell, leave college and go home. If you do not know who the chair of your program is, contact your school office.
2. Call Health Links -Info Santé (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) or take the [Shared Health COVID-19 Screening Tool](https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool) and follow the guidance provided

3. How long does a person need to isolate if they have flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms and they have a test that says they do not have COVID-19?

[Public Health](https://www2.gov.mb.ca/news/?archive=&item=53103) indicates a person may return to school/work 24 hours after they are symptom-free if they have a COVID-19 test and the result confirms that they do not have COVID-19.

4. How long does a person need to isolate if they have a COVID-19 test that shows they have COVID-19?

Public Health will indicate to you the length of time you need to self-isolate should you test positive for COVID-19, including the minimum amount of time required and how long symptoms must have resolved before you resume regular activity. The most recent changes to self-isolation requirements are detailed here: <https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/?archive=&item=53103>

5. A member of my family/someone I've been in contact with outside of the college community is awaiting COVID-19 test results. Should I stay home?

Contact Health Links -Info Santé (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) for further information.

6. If I'm not feeling well and I have symptoms of COVID-19, who should I notify at the college that I won't be coming to class?

You should let your chair know that you are feeling unwell. If you do not know who the chair of your program is, contact your school office. You should stay home and rest. Call Health Links -Info Santé (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257).

7. Will the college communicate if a student is being tested for a COVID-19?

No, individuals receiving tests is a confidential matter under the Personal Health Information Act and Assiniboine will respect relevant access and privacy laws (FIPPA and PHIA).

8. How will the college communicate negative test results?

The college does not communicate any test results. Individuals receiving tests is a confidential matter under the Personal Health Information Act and Assiniboine will respect relevant access and privacy

laws (FIPPA and PHIA).

9. Will the college communicate out any positive COVID cases among staff or students?

The local public health authority will advise the college if a confirmed case of COVID-19 was present on campus during the person in question's infectious period, and assess the need for the institution or part of the institution to be closed for a period of time, and provide any other further direction.

10. What is the college doing to minimize the spread of COVID-19 on campuses?

Assiniboine continues to uphold safe operations of college campuses and has taken many steps to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and educate staff and students on contributing to healthy environments. This includes, but is not limited to, increased cleaning schedules, sanitization stations and plexiglass barriers. The college has also hosted on-campus vaccination clinics and implemented the COVID-19 Campus Access policy. For a complete list of proactive preventive steps, please visit assiniboine.net/campus-covid.

11. I normally catch the bus home. Should I do that when I'm feeling ill?

The college understands that not all students have personal transport and encourages students feeling ill to organize alternate transport which limits the number of people you may come into contact with.

12. What happens to scheduled assessments if I'm sick and required to self-isolate?

[Policy A08 - 3 Evaluation of Student Learning](#) outlines college policy regarding assessments, including deferred evaluation.

Assiniboine is committed to supporting student success. The college recognizes that students may face exceptional circumstances during the term that can prevent them from completing an evaluation(s) as scheduled, including final examinations. In those circumstances, students in good academic standing can request an extension to complete the missed evaluation(s), including a final examination. This process is termed a "deferred evaluation".

Students who know they will be unable to meet established deadlines, tests, or examination dates due to legitimate exceptional circumstances are responsible for making alternative arrangements with their instructors prior to the deadline.

Deferred evaluation is different than formal academic accommodation for students with disabilities, who may apply for academic accommodation using [Policy A03 - Academic Accommodations](#).

13. Can I get a refund on my course if I am required to miss substantial days due to COVID-19?

As Assiniboine is implementing a blended learning approach to the Fall term regular rules regarding adding and dropping classes will be in place, [Policy A20 – Registration, Adding and Dropping Courses](#). Extenuating circumstances are reviewed on a case-by-case basis as necessary.

14. Is my academic record damaged if I need to withdraw due to COVID-19?

You should connect with your Student Success Advisor to discuss the options available to you.

[Policy A20 – Registration, Adding and Dropping Courses](#) refers to withdrawal for extenuating circumstances after the drop date. Voluntary Withdrawal before the drop date deadline and Authorized Withdrawal after the drop date deadline do not impact your GPA.

The college has adapted our approach to Policy A08-4 Policy on Grades, grading in light of the pandemic

to support positive student outcomes. Students have the opportunity to have extenuating or individual circumstances considered regarding decisions on their academic record.

15. *I have a medical condition that prohibits me from wearing a face covering, and I'm feeling pressure to wear one. What do I do?*

If you're unable to wear a mask it's important to maintain physical distance between yourself and others. Practice good and thorough hand washing techniques and keep your workspace as clean as possible. Stay home if you think you may be exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and use the [Shared Health COVID-19 Screening Tool](#).

At this time, we will not deny entry to campus, and students will not face any academic or non-academic penalties if they are unable to wear a mask for medical reasons. We do not require individuals to provide medical evidence or documentation to be exempt at this time.

16. *There is conflict in my class about someone we suspect is sick and coming to class anyway. What do we do?*

Please raise this with your instructor or chair immediately and they will assist with the situation.

References

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