

Covid 19 - Policies for WAS students, Faculty and Staff

WAS has identified places where the risk of transmission is increased and has signage in place to limit access and numbers in these places.

The virus that causes COVID19 spreads in several ways, including through droplets when a person coughs or sneezes, or from touching a contaminated surface and then touching their face. To facilitate a safe environment, the following protocols must be maintained by all parties entering and participating in WAS activities.

Self-Assessment:

Prior to coming to class, students and staff should self-assess on https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en Anyone with symptoms must not come to class.

Each staff member and student must sign- in before each class session stating/agreeing that they:

- will maintain 2 meters of social distance
- will wash hands often
- will wear a face covering if within 2 metres of another person
- will stay home if at risk or sick and are not showing symptoms
- have not had contact with people with Covid outside of WAS (agree to disclose if so)
- Agree not to travel to other areas while enrolled in WAS courses

WAS Cleaning and Hygiene

WAS will provide adequate hand-washing facilities on site for all parties and ensure the location is visible and easily accessed. All parties must wash their hands including upon arriving to work or class, before and after breaks, after handling shared materials, before and after handling common tools and equipment.

WAS daily cleaning protocol for all common areas and surfaces includes light switches, door handles, washroom, equipment, tools, common tables, desks.

Students will be given a unique workstation and must keep the same work station throughout the class.

Maintaining Physical Distance

- WAS faculty and staff will work from home when appropriate, and will limit exposure when working in the school to within the recommended guidelines of capacity in each room.
- WAS will ensure proper spacing so that the number of people in each area is sufficient to
 prevent parties from coming too close to one another and maintain a distance of two
 metres between parties and others wherever possible.
- Where physical distancing is not possible, masks and gloves must be worn by all parties and hands must be washed or disinfected.

Operating policies

The provincial health officer and the BC CDC have issued the following guidance around self-isolation that must be adhered to:

- Anyone with symptoms of COVID19 https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en must self-isolate at home for 10 days minimum and not return to school until they have been tested for COVID19
- 2. Anyone who has arrived from outside of Canada or who is in contact with a person with a confirmed COVID 19 case must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days and follow the Self-Isolation rules
 - http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation
- Anyone who may start to feel ill while at school or at work should notify the staff member on duty immediately. A safe space will be provided to isolate and the staff member will call a taxi and provide a mask for the person to go home

ALL STUDENTS ARE REMINDED TO BRING THEIR OWN WATER, SNACKS, LUNCHES, PENS, NOTEBOOK AND MASK.. There is no access to a fridge or microwave. There are a few restaurants open in Function during the day for lunches.

STUDENTS IN THE BIKE MECHANIC COURSE SHOULD BRING THEIR SMARTPHONE, TABLET OR LAPTOP TO ACCESS TECHNOLOGY - COMPUTERS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.