



# Continuity of Education Plan - AAPS

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Effective: Immediately

## **Background**

AAPS commitment is to create a safe and protective learning environment and to help limit the spread of COVID -19 in the province of Ontario amidst a global pandemic. In this respect, AAPS has designed and implemented important procedures and protocols for the staff, faculty, visitors, domestic and international students to protect the safety of everyone in the AAPS community.

This plan outlines the policies, procedures and steps taken by AAPS and must be adhered to until further notice by Federal, Provincial and Municipal Public Health units.

## **General**

AAPS will continue to work within provincial and local health guidelines and protocols for businesses and specifically post secondary education institutions, consistent with the Government of Ontario's plan for prevention measures to limit COVID19 cases and also reopening the province in stages.

AAPS management actively and on a daily basis shall monitor the Ontario published reopening plans to determine compliance with the plan and to adjust procedures and protocols if necessary.

## **Prevention Plan at AAPS Campuses**

1. Strict adherence to the social distancing guidelines, including limiting classroom capacity as per ministry' mandate, mandatory face mask requirement.
2. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting services.
3. Installation of hand sanitizers in each classroom and various common areas.
4. Posters on various locations reminding students of the requirements for social distancing and other appropriate prevention measures.
5. Requirements for signed attestation (see Appendix 1) by all students, faculty and staff before entering our campuses with appointments and schedules only every 14 days to ensure that they are
  - a) Not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms
  - b) Have not been in contact with anyone experiencing symptoms or tested positive for COVID -19
  - c) Have not travelled in the past 14 days or have not been in contact with someone who has travelled in the past 14 days
  - d) They are not aware of any situation that can put them at risk of contracting COVID19

## **Outbreak Plan**

AAPS has developed a robust plan in place to respond to outbreaks within the AAPS community. The plan includes:

1. Informing of relevant public health official



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2. Contact tracing and information: contact information, date and time of anyone present or visiting AAPS campus are recorded and maintained. In the event of an outbreak all persons who have had a potential or suspected of being at risk will be notified and advised to get tested for COVID-19
3. Signage posted at entrances and in public spaces, and through online communication
4. Informing of the Ministry of College and Universities
5. Temporarily closure of the affected campus for thorough cleaning and disinfecting
6. Requirement for negative COVID-19 test result and/or attestation for affected individuals

## **Travel outside the country and Quarantine requirements**

International students, staff, faculty and/or guests travelling from outside of the country must understand and follow arrival and quarantine requirements:

- You cannot travel while being sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID19.
- Expect following when entering Canada:
  - a) To be screened for COVID19 symptoms, testing and other requirements at the border.
  - b) Understand and follow quarantine rules depending on fully vaccinated or unvaccinated criteria.
  - c) Have a plan for accommodation for 14-day quarantine (if required)
  - d) Provide travel and contact information through the ArriveCAN app or website.

In addition, a complete guide and quarantine commitment plan are provided to AAPS's international students.

## **Continuity of Education in events of disruption in learning**

Currently, AAPS has moved all non-lab courses online to limit the number of students, staff, and faculty on site at a given time. Students are only at campus for lab courses where hands on practical training is required. Students, staff, faculty, and visitors are required to wear a face mask at all times. An attestation form with all screening questions is required to be filled out before entry to the building.

1. Complete lockdown events
  - All classes will continue online virtually on Zoom platform.
  - Students will continue to have support from AAPS staff, instructors, and faculty heads to help them in their education.
  - Lab classes will be moved to later date and AAPS will do our best to reschedule them at earliest available opportunity.
2. Partial lockdown events
  - All non-lab courses will continue online virtually.
  - Lab courses will be scheduled with the class size limitation and other federal, provincial, and municipal government protocols for social distancing, sanitation, safety and prevention measures at the time.



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### 3. Complete removal of restrictions

- AAPS will follow Ministry of Colleges and University guidance in implementing a hybrid model for program delivery composed of virtual classes and in class training for lab courses.
- Masks and face coverings will be always required inside the facility until notification from government and public health if they are no longer required.
- AAPS will follow safety measures and protocols recommended by federal, provincial, and municipal governments for indoor gatherings especially that permitted to post-secondary education institutes.
- AAPS will continue to regularly follow public health updates and keep a close watch on COVID19 related lockdowns and reopening measures unfolding in Canada.

AAPS also communicates with student about updates from the ministry regarding COVID19 and requirements of live classes and face to face training (limited) via memos, newsletters, emails.