



COVID-19 Amenity Update: Province Lockdown

December 21, 2020

Today, the Ontario Government announced new lockdown restrictions for areas of the province, including Toronto. Under these continued restrictions, the temporary closure of our common amenity spaces, including the fitness centre, business centres, study rooms and tv/kitchen lounges will continue through this time.

New Community Enhancement – viRepel Solutions on Hi-Touch Surfaces

We are pleased to share with you the installation of viRepel Solutions to our community. Added to common space door handles, elevator buttons, push bars and business centre desks. viRepel AC is a proven solution for combatting bacteria and viruses on surfaces.

York University's Guests in Residence Policy

To assist with the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 in our community, York University's Guests in Residence Policy remains in place until further notice. Residents are not permitted to have guests at any time and in keeping with York's policies, Residents may not visit other University residence buildings.

Residents are required to enter their building through the front main entrance doors only. Security will be present at the entrances to verify your Quad status. Guests will be turned away. Please be prepared to present your Key Fob and Student I.D. Remember to physical distance from others when entering and exiting the building.

Side entrances will not be accessible to enter the building. Note that side doors, stairway exits are now alarmed and under video surveillance. Residents are not permitted to allow entry of anyone inside these doors – including fellow Quad Residents. Residents are encouraged to report suspicious persons in the building by contacting our On-call number at 647-291-4006.

Face Mask/Coverings Mandatory Requirement

A reminder to all residents that wearing masks or face coverings is mandatory when in public spaces at The Quad. Examples of public spaces are the main lobby, hallways, elevators, laundry rooms and package room. This mandatory requirement also applies to similar space on York Campus.

Travelling during the Pandemic

Students travelling within Ontario, including the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), are not required to quarantine before returning to the York University campus. However, please exercise the health and safety measures below.

If you plan on travelling outside of Ontario over the holidays, please make yourself aware of travel restrictions across Canadian provinces and territories. If you plan on travelling outside of Canada over the holidays, please keep the following in mind:

- A 14-day quarantine period remains a federal requirement for all travelers (including Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents) entering Canada from international locations (including the US).
- York students entering Canada from international locations must make arrangements to quarantine off campus. Students are not permitted to quarantine on campus, including The Quad.



- York International is available to coordinate off-campus quarantine accommodations and students travelling outside of Canada for the holidays will be responsible for the cost. Please visit the York Quarantine Information Page for more information and to request quarantine accommodation.
- Follow the health and safety measures outlined below.

Health & Safety Measures

Regardless of your travel plans this holiday season, we would like to remind you about health and safety measures to safeguard your health, reduce the risk of transmission and limit future outbreaks of COVID-19:

- Minimize contact with those other than your immediate family “bubble”;
- wear a mask or face covering in all indoor spaces and when you can’t maintain 2-meter physical distance outdoors;
- practice physical distancing and frequent handwashing;
- use hand sanitizer when handwashing is not available;
- avoid touching your face;
- disinfect high-touch surfaces;
- self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; and
- stay home and self-isolate if you are sick (use the self-assessment tool); are in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case; are COVID-19 positive; or have travelled internationally recently.

Support & Resources

If you have questions or concerns about staying safe on or off campus, please contact the Office of Student Community Relations (OSCR) between Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at oscr@yorku.ca or 416-736-5231. You can also reach out to OSCR if you need referrals and support, both internal and external to York, help with complex issues or assistance with personal issues related to the pandemic.

Stay safe and healthy during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Team Quad