



**BOUCHER INSTITUTE**  
of Naturopathic Medicine

## Memo

**To:** Boucher Community; Faculty and Staff  
**From:** Michael Schanz, President  
**cc:** All members  
**Date:** September 1, 2020  
**Re:** Covid -19 Update

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Dear Boucher Community members,

We hope this email finds you all well and ready to return to campus and classes both remote and practical. Our primary goals are to ensure the safety of our community while striving to keep students immersed in learning and the education on track to the best of our ability.

We have begun Phase 3 of our Return to Campus plan: Modified Campus operations are resuming under the new guidelines. Select groups of students will be on campus for limited times. Remote instruction, teleworking, scheduling and all other measures will remain in place in order to maintain social distancing and flexibility. Clinic rotations will continue to be staggered. Those who are considered high-risk to COVID19 or who live with high-risk family members will still work remotely. A schedule of on-site availability for each department will be available in the next week or two.

Over the coming months, we will continue to base our decisions on the best available information at the time while exercising the utmost caution for our Boucher community, and the community at large.

### **SCREENING**

A reminder that Masks are required to be worn on campus.

Everyone will be screened for Covid symptoms using the BCCDC [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) and temperature checks on the concourse prior to student/faculty entry to the campus.

To make our process more efficient and allow us to screen people effectively, please download the Self Assessment Tool APP from the BCCDC and complete it prior to arriving on campus so you can show your negative questionnaire result to the screeners. They will then take your temperature and approve you for campus attendance if appropriate. Please follow the guidelines on the APP, and do not attend if you have any symptoms or it instructs you to self isolate or test for COVID-19.

Screening for Academics will happen M-F from 8-840am and 1230-110pm for all classes on campus. Please arrive during these times for appropriate entry to the campus and so you will arrive at class in a timely manner.

Clinic will continue to screen for Students/Clinic Faculty for rotations if that is your first entry to the campus. If you have classes first, you must also be screened for class.

If you are feeling even mildly unwell, please do not attend campus, ACADEMICS: inform your instructor and Dr Heisel(academics) or CLINIC: Inform your Supervisor and Dr KFY(clinic).

If you do not have classes or clinic rotations on campus, please do not come to campus.

Staff, if you are attending campus and will arrive outside these hours, please use the contact sheet previously sent out to contact the Health and Safety screener for the day and email to arrange screening.

For more information on our Return to Campus Plan, please log onto e-Campus.

Thank you for your diligence and cooperation to help keep our campus safe.

**Academics:**

Over the summer the Academic team has worked very hard to develop an on site practical class schedule for fall, ensuring as safe an environment as possible for students to continue their hands on learning and hone their skills.

As promised, the academic team has spent the summer reviewing several remote delivery platforms and is very close to finalizing the details. We look forward to offering more opportunities for blended learning and students can expect this to be rolled out over the fall term.

Students are expected to only be on campus for the duration of their scheduled practical class. However, there are a few limited instances where students may either not be able to commute back to home before their online didactic class would start or they need to be on campus for clinic or an optional lab after the online class and the time will not allow for this commute. In these instances, space will be provided to attend the online class or study before their clinic/lab course in:

- Classroom 1 max 13 students
- Classroom 2 max 15 students
- Classroom 3 max 20 students

These areas will also be available for students to eat, however there is no access to shared refrigerators or microwaves. All dishes must be brought and taken with you and not left at the

school. Masks may only be removed to eat/drink, and should be reapplied as soon as possible. We encourage you to go outside for fresh air whenever possible.

All physical distancing and masks guidelines must be adhered to in all spaces of the campus. Please disinfect the space you used using appropriate cleaning wipes provided and wash your hands frequently.

**Clinic:**

Brenda and the Clinic Team continues to work tirelessly to provide support for students, faculty and patients and we thank them for their commitment and dedication, it has been a long 6 months.

Clinic rotations are continuing as they were during the summer, with rotations staggered and alternating on site every 2 weeks. We are welcoming the third year secondary clinicians 21B back and 22A/AS to clinic rotations starting Sept 8th and Sept 14th respectively however secondary rotations will all be done remotely with the clinicians being able to attend all patient visits using OutSmartEMR telemedicine links and Preview and Review through Google Meet.

**Student Services:**

Student Services staff will be taking turns to be back in the office starting September 14, with Jennifer being on campus Monday & Tuesday, Tomoko being on campus Wednesday & Thursday, and Yukti being on campus Friday. As always, if you need something and it's not that person's day to be in, please email or call!

BINM has a new counsellor, Sharon Macfarlane, who is now taking appointments. Please visit <https://www.wellnessbinm.org/> for more information or to book an appointment, or even just to say hi! Both Sharon and Kristin will be working remotely until at least January. You can also email either of them directly if you can't find an appointment time that works for you.

Sincerely,

Boucher Critical Incident Response Team