October 1, 2021

Re: COVID precaution notification at Dalhousie University, Richard Murray Design Building – Design Commons

Dear Students/Faculty/Staff,

Public Health is investigating a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the community. Based on our findings, you may have had a community exposure to COVID-19 at Dalhousie University on September 28 between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the Richard Murray Design Building – Design Commons.

Public Health will only follow-up directly with close contacts that are determined through our investigation. At this time, you are not considered a close contact. However, Public Health requires anyone who has had an exposure to COVID-19 to follow the instructions below based on your COVID-19 vaccination status:

If you are fully vaccinated* (your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine was 14 or more days before the date of the exposure):

You are NOT required to self-isolate or to be tested, unless you develop symptoms.
- Self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days from the exposure until October 12. Symptoms include a new or worsening cough, or two or more of the following: fever (i.e. chills, sweats), shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose/nasal congestion, or headache.
- Anyone who develops symptoms is required to self-isolate, book a COVID-19 test, and stay isolated until you receive a negative test result.

*Fully vaccinated is defined as:
- Two doses of a Health Canada-authorized two-dose vaccine: Pfizer, Moderna or AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD, or
- One dose of a Health Canada-authorized one-dose vaccine: Janssen (J&J) plus one dose of a Health Canada-approved mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna), or
- Complete series of a non-Health Canada-authorized vaccine plus one dose of a Health Canada-approved mRNA vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna)

If you are not fully vaccinated (you have only had one dose of COVID-19 vaccine or have not received any COVID-19 vaccine) you are at risk of contracting COVID-19 and are required to do the following:
- You do NOT need to isolate, unless you develop symptoms.
- We strongly recommend you get tested at least 72 hours after the exposure whether or not you have symptoms.
- Self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days from the exposure until October 12. Symptoms include a new or worsening cough, or two or more of the following: fever (i.e. chills, sweats), shortness of breath, sore throat, runny nose/nasal congestion, or headache.
- Anyone who develops symptoms is required to self-isolate, book a COVID-19 test, and stay isolated until you receive a negative test result.

For those who require COVID-19 testing, visit https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/en or call 811 if you don’t have online access or if you have other symptoms that concern you.
We encourage all eligible Nova Scotians to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible. To book an appointment, visit https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/book-your-vaccination-appointment/ or call (toll-free) 1-833-797-7772.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Public Health, Nova Scotia Health