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## Wi-Fi contact tracing added to COVID-19 safety protocols

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Dear Sheridan Community,

Since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, Sheridan has worked closely with our public health partners, welcoming their guidance and expertise in our safety measures to address the health and well-being of our students. The pandemic, and our response, has been continually evolving.

With new variants of the COVID-19 virus, we must find ways to continue to operate in a safe manner, while providing the best possible solutions for learning and work. Currently when there is a reported positive COVID-19 case, Sheridan's Health Centre and Occupational Health and Safety Services use onecard access information, class attendance lists and interviews to identify people who may be at risk of exposure.

Sheridan has added Wi-Fi contact tracing to our health and safety measures. Adding contract tracing by using campus Wi-Fi does not replace any of the current safety protocol in place. It will only be used as an additional method of contact tracing. You can find information on the current contact tracing methods on Sheridan's [FAQ page](#).

### How does contact tracing at Sheridan work?

If you test positive for COVID-19 and have been on campus during the period when you can infect others, or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 while on campus, you will be contacted by the Sheridan Health Centre, Occupational Health and Safety Services, and/or local public health authorities.

Personal information will only be used on a need-to-know basis by a small number of staff on Sheridan's Health Centre and Occupational Health and Safety Services teams. Personal information will only be shared externally if requested by local public health units for case management (including contact tracing and other pandemic-related activities).

Once contact tracing for a positive COVID-19 case has concluded, your personal information will no longer be used in this way and will once again be subject to Sheridan's Notice of Collection and Use of Personal Information policies, accessible [here](#).

We continue to seek your cooperation, compliance, and vigilance in:

- tapping your onecard at the entrance as you enter the campus
- maintaining a two-metre physical distance from others
- answering the self-assessment questions to access campus with honesty in the [Sheridan Alert app](#)
- the use of face masks and eye protection (where needed)
- practicing good hand hygiene

Please visit the [COVID-19 information page](#) for more details on Sheridan's response to the pandemic. You can also find information on how to opt out of [Wi-Fi contact tracing](#) if you choose.

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep our community safe.

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