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Update on gradual return to campus

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Colleagues,

Yesterday the Ontario government [announced](#) changes to ease public health measures on February 17, 2022 including:

- Allowing 50 per cent of the usual capacity in sports arenas, concert venues and theatres
- Limiting capacity in shopping areas, such as grocery stores, to the number of people where two metres of physical distancing can be maintained
- Removing capacity limits where proof of vaccination is required such as restaurants, gyms, cinemas and conference centres

The government also signaled its intention to further ease restrictions in March if the COVID-19 situation continues to improve. As has been the case following these types of announcements from the Province, we expect that the Ministry of Colleges and Universities will now review these decisions and update its guidance and directives for postsecondary institutions like Sheridan.

Until we have further direction, our intention regarding health and safety is to maintain current protocols including the need for masks, showing your Synergy vaccine certification at the door, physical distancing and capacity limits.

As you are aware, planning for classes for more than 40,000 students a year is not something that can be changed overnight. As communicated on January 17, more students will be returning to campus on March 7, 2022. At that time, students will resume the course delivery modality that is currently reflected in their timetables (MyStudentCentre) with very few exceptions. Any changes to timetables will be updated, where applicable, by February 23, 2022.

We have strived throughout the pandemic to provide as much certainty for our students as possible given the ever-changing circumstances. As we get more information from the government and our local public health units, we will continue to evolve our policies and, of course, let our community know as quickly as possible.

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