

ELPIS COLLEGE COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

SECTION A

Compliance with Federal, Provincial, and Local Health Guidelines

1. Elpis College attests that we will comply with federal, provincial, and local health guidelines and protocols for businesses and private schools, consistent with the Government of Ontario's plan for reopening the province in stages.

(www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario-stages and <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/guidance-documents/covid-19-guidance-post-secondary-institutions-during-pandemic.html>)

2. Elpis College will meet the requirements set out in this plan for as long as the school appears on the federal list of approved designated learning institutions.

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Outbreak and Case Management

1. Elpis College commits to following protocols and offering full cooperation to assist local public-health units in outbreak investigation and management.
2. Elpis College has a clearly identified liaison who can act as the point person to liaise with relevant authorities.
3. Elpis College requires all staff and students to undergo daily screening and symptom monitoring prior to coming to school.
4. Staff and students who display symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to stay home. Symptoms include: fever, dry cough, fatigue, loss of taste and/or smell, nasal congestion, conjunctivitis, sore throat, headache, muscle/joint pains, skin rash, nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, chills, dizziness.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

5. International students and co-arriving family members can get tested at any COVID-19 assessment centre, including the following nearby hospitals within the Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Unit, which includes Mississauga, Oakville, and Toronto locations:

MISSISSAUGA (Peel Public Health)

Trillium – Mississauga Hospital

Clinical Administrative Building
15 Bronte College Court
Mississauga, ON J4Y 0K7

Trillium – Credit Valley Hospital

D/T, Level 1, Main Parking Garage
2200 Eglinton Avenue West
Mississauga, ON L5M 2N1

OAKVILLE (Halton Region Health Department)

Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital

South Entrance, Lot 3
3001 Hospital Gate
Oakville, ON L6M 0L8

NORTH YORK (Toronto Public Health)

North York General Hospital – Branson

555 Finch Avenue West
Toronto, ON M2R 1N5

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

2075 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, ON M4N 3M5

6. In the event of a suspected or confirmed case, Elpis College will ensure successful self-isolation of this individual, including provision of self-isolation facilities and essential services to support this isolation.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/interim-guidance-cases-contacts.html>

7. Elpis College will publicly communicate outbreaks of COVID-19 affecting or implicating international students and any immediate family members to the entire school community (staff and students), including, but not limited to, signage posted at entrances and public spaces, and through online communication.
8. Elpis College will report any compliance issues within the 14-day mandatory quarantine period to relevant local, provincial, and/or federal law-enforcement authorities.
9. Elpis College will report any cases of COVID-19 infection during the 14-day mandatory quarantine period to local public-health units and the Ministry of Education.

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Overall COVID-19 Response Plan and Protocols

1. Elpis College staff and students must maintain a minimum of two metres' physical distance between one another. Each classroom will be designated for sole use of the assigned staff and/or students.
2. The number of people at Elpis College will not exceed 10 at any given time. As much as possible, lessons will be conducted virtually to maintain staff and student safety.
3. Face masks are required for all staff and students within the school building and around school entrances/exits. Those without face coverings will not be allowed to remain in school.
4. Staff and students are required to sanitize their hands upon entering the building and frequently throughout the day. A hand-sanitizer station is set up at the entrance of the school as well as throughout public spaces.
5. All high-touch surfaces at Elpis College are cleaned and sanitized on a daily basis; the entire school undergoes cleaning and sanitizing as needed and on a routine basis.
6. Elpis College requires all staff and students to monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms on a daily basis and before entering school grounds. Those exhibiting symptoms will be asked to remain at home and enter self-isolation.
7. In the event of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, Elpis College will inform staff and students in a timely manner (via phone calls, texts, and/or emails) and advise them of the next steps for infection prevention and control strategies.
8. For added safety, Elpis College discourages those who are neither staff nor students (e.g., parents) from visiting the school. Parents should remain outside during pick-ups and drop-offs.

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SECTION B

Pre-Arrival Requirements

Requirements Prior to Travelling to Canada

1. All people travelling to Canada from another country will be required to undergo a 14-day quarantine.
2. Per the Quarantine Act, Elpis College has the responsibility of informing relevant authorities of any breaches to the mandatory quarantine requirements. This includes contacting law-enforcement authorities.
3. All students will be required to sign an attestation or pledge confirming their understanding of the pre-arrival and quarantine requirements.
4. Students may incur additional costs and fees to provide quarantine services during the initial 14-day period as well as any additional quarantine periods should the student test positive for COVID-19. These costs will vary depending on student needs.
5. Because Elpis College does not offer on-site residences, international students and co-arriving family members must quarantine for the entire mandatory 14-day period at a private location that meets the requirements outlined by the Government of Canada at the time and point of entry. The quarantine location must be in a space isolated from people who did not travel with the party.
6. Post-arrival logistics, which fully detail the quarantine accommodations, logistics, and how medical care or testing will be facilitated during quarantine, will be discussed with students (information should also be passed onto co-arriving family members) and agreed upon prior to travel.
7. As best practice, international students and their co-arriving family members are encouraged to download (on a mobile device) and complete the information requested by the Government of Canada's ArriveCAN application prior to arrival at the border.
8. Elpis College will provide or arrange appropriate transportation for the arriving party from the airport to their quarantine location consistent with Government of Canada recommendations. All members of the party will be required to wear a mask for onward domestic travel; travel must be directly to the place of quarantine with no planned or unplanned stops.

9. Students must confirm in writing that they are fully aware and have agreed to all costs associated with quarantining and self-isolation in advance of departure for Canada.
10. Any student who chooses not to proceed with their education as a result of these additional costs will be provided with appropriate refunds of any other fees or tuition paid in advance.
11. Custodian status and healthcare authorization/guardianship will be clearly designated for all students under 18 years old. Students must provide this information to Elpis College prior to departure for Canada.

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SECTION C

14-Day Quarantine Requirements

1. An Elpis College representative or designate will meet the students and co-arriving family members at the point of entry.
2. Everyone in the arriving party will be given a new mask by the Elpis College representative or designate and will be reminded to practise physical distancing and hand hygiene at all times.
3. Everyone in the arriving party will be required to screen themselves for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to meeting the school representative at the point of entry.
4. The arriving party will be taken to their quarantine accommodation in private transportation arranged by Elpis College.
5. There will be no planned or unplanned stops during travel from the airport to the quarantine site; students and co-arriving family members will be expected to arrive at their place of accommodation directly from the point of entry.
6. If an Elpis College designate or representative is unavailable to meet the arriving party at the point of entry, the school will provide the contact information of another designate or representative in case any assistance is required.
7. Elpis College will also establish the time and method for a virtual check-in post-arrival to ensure that the above-stated protocols are followed.
8. Prior to their travel to Canada, international students and their co-arriving family members will be given the following details regarding accommodations:
 - a description of the accommodation setting
 - the requirement for each student or student family unit to have their own room with a private bathroom
 - protocols for appropriate accommodations to properly support disabilities or other health conditions

9. Prior to their travel to Canada, international students and their co-arriving family members will be given the following details regarding support for essential needs throughout the full duration of their quarantine period:
 - food and water
 - medical care (virtual or in-person as required), including testing
 - mental-health support
 - social support
 - phone or internet services
 - environmental cleaning protocols
10. International students and their co-arriving family members must agree to daily monitoring for the duration of their quarantine, though phone calls, texts, or emails, for:
 - development of new symptoms
 - compliance with the quarantine
 - ensuring essential needs are met
11. International students and their co-arriving family members must agree to self-isolate if they present with symptoms related to COVID-19. They must also undergo COVID-19 tests at a nearby assessment centre and quarantine themselves until results are provided.
12. Elpis College staff, representatives, and/or designates have read and understood the Public Health Institutional Readiness Plan and agree to liaise with and support public-health units in case and outbreak management as appropriate.
13. Elpis College staff, representatives, and/or designates have been trained on COVID-19 infection prevention and control practices, including how to use personal protective equipment as required. They have also been provided with personal protective equipment and other resources required for completing their tasks, as well as all necessary materials and support to help students and their families successfully complete their quarantine.
14. Elpis College will mitigate social barriers to support student compliance with individual COVID-19 infection control practices.
15. Elpis College can provide students and their families with resources and information that are accessible.

16. Elpis College will ensure that students and their co-arriving family members have access to or are linked to culturally appropriate:

- primary-care health services
- mental-health services and supports
- social services and community organizations as relevant to students' needs
- anti-racism and COVID-19 stigma supports

<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/covid19-stigma-guide.pdf>

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SECTION D

Post-Quarantine Requirements

1. Elpis College will continue to support international students and any immediate family members after they complete their 14-day quarantine period.
2. Elpis College will maintain records of the student and their co-arriving family's completion of the quarantine period.
3. Elpis College will provide ongoing communication and resources on COVID-19 to students following quarantine.
4. Elpis College will ensure that students and their co-arriving family members have access to or are linked to culturally appropriate:
 - primary-care health services
 - mental-health services and supports
 - social services and community organizations as relevant to student's needs
 - anti-racism and COVID-19 stigma supports

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5. Elpis College and/or our host designates will be prepared to continue providing all necessary quarantine supports should the student and/or their co-arriving family members require an extension of their quarantine period.

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SECTION E

COVID-19 Testing for Institutions Welcoming International/Domestic Students from Outside Canada

1. Elpis College requires that international and domestic students, as well as co-arriving family members, who are in quarantine as a result of having entered Canada within two weeks prior to the start of their studies, be tested for the COVID-19 virus as least once during their quarantine period.
2. International students will continue to qualify for publicly funded testing; this testing is available at an assessment centre or a participating pharmacy by appointment only and is free of charge. However, in order for asymptomatic international students to access testing at a publicly funded assessment centre, they must have passed their 14-day quarantine period.
3. Symptomatic students should be tested as soon as possible; they can make an appointment at assessment centres (but not pharmacies).
4. Elpis College does not have an on-site testing centre; however, transportation to and from the testing site will be provided or arranged. Students need to adhere to current policies, including: wearing face masks, using personal protective equipment, physical distancing, and limiting unnecessary contact with other people while outside of quarantine for testing purposes. Elpis College will support students in meeting these requirements as much as possible.

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Student Attestation and Pledge

I confirm that I have read and understood all the sections of Elpis College's COVID-19 Response Plan, and I hereby agree to adhere to all pre-arrival, post-arrival, and quarantine requirements outlined by the school herein and in the future.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature
(for students under 18)

For Office Use Only

Elpis College
Representative or Liaison

Representative or
Liaison Signature

Date Received