

## Return to Campus

With conditions continuing to improve in British Columbia surrounding COVID-19—represented by declining case counts and hospitalizations as well as an increase in vaccination rates—there are many indications pointing to a September that will be closer to a post-pandemic normal.

All staff, faculty and students are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. If you require guidance or information on vaccinations please visit the [BC COVID-19 Immunization Plan](#) resource.

As of July 1, 2021 British Columbia moved to Step 3 of the [Restart Plan](#).

Starting in September Northwest will be implementing the WCB Communicable Diseases Prevention Policy. A communicable disease is an illness caused by an infectious agent or its toxic product that can be transmitted in a workplace from one person to another. Examples of communicable disease that may circulate in a workplace include COVID-19, norovirus, and seasonal influenza.

Preventing communicable disease involves taking ongoing measures to reduce the risk of communicable disease transmission. It also involves implementing additional measures when advised to do so by Public Health during periods of elevated risk.

- Faculty, staff or students who have symptoms of a communicable disease (for example, fever and/or chills, recent onset of coughing, diarrhea), must avoid coming to campus.
- Proper hand hygiene and appropriate hygiene practices such as covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing need to be followed.
- Northwest will maintain a clean environment through routine cleaning processes.

As BC moves to [Step 4](#) of the Restart Plan, updates will be provided.