

INFORMED CONSENT

The Saskatchewan Government declared a province-wide state of emergency under *The Emergency Planning Act* on March 18, 2020 to protect the health and safety of all Saskatchewanians and to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus (or **COVID-19**). COVID-19 is easily spread by contact with droplets produced by people who have the virus.

St. Thomas More College (STM) has put in place measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, however STM cannot guarantee that any individual using STM's facilities will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, using STM facilities, could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.

All users of STM facilities are being asked to carefully review, confirm, and agree to the statements made below.

I have informed myself of the risks of COVID-19. I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily consent to use STM facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, even though my use could heighten the chances that I become infected with COVID-19.

I understand:

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1. That COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and that COVID-19 is extremely contagious and can spread by person to person contact. _____

2. That by using STM facilities, I may become infected with COVID-19, which could result in the following: extended quarantine/self-isolation, additional tests, hospitalization that may require medical therapy/intervention, intensive care treatment, possible need for intubation/ventilator support, short-term or long-term intubation, other potential complications (including lung and heart complications) and the risk of death. _____

3. That COVID-19 might cause additional risks, some of which may not currently be known at this time. _____

4. These risks could cause me to incur medical and other expenses. _____

I certify that:

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1. Neither I, nor anyone in my household, has travelled internationally in the past fourteen (14) days. _____
2. Neither I, nor anyone in my household, believes that they have been exposed to a person with a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19 _____
3. Neither I, nor anyone in my household, has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 2 months and/or is being directed by a health care provider to self-isolate. _____
4. Both I and the individuals in my household are following recommended guidelines as much as possible including, but not limited to: practicing social distancing by maintaining a separation of at least six (6) feet or two (2) metres from others who are not part of the household(s), engaging in proper handwashing, respecting inter-provincial travel recommendations, and otherwise limiting our exposure to COVID-19. _____
5. If my answers to any of the above statements change prior to me commencing my use of STM facilities, I will withdraw myself from using STM facilities and inform STM by emailing Derrin Raffey at **draffey@stmcollege.ca** _____

I further certify:

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1. No one in my household(s) is experiencing any symptoms of illness, including symptoms that resemble a cold. Symptoms include, but are not limited to: cough, fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, runny nose, stuffy nose, sore throat, painful swallowing, headache, chills, muscle or joint aches, feeling unwell in general, new fatigue or severe exhaustion, gastrointestinal symptoms (such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or unexplained loss of appetite), loss of sense of smell or taste, or pink eye. _____
2. I understand that the list of symptoms noted above is constantly evolving, and I will make best efforts to monitor the most current information from the Government of Saskatchewan at the following link before using STM facilities: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/about-covid-19#symptoms> _____

3. I will not Use STM facilities if anyone in my household(s) is sick, even if the symptoms resemble a mild cold. If anyone in my household(s) is sick or symptomatic, I agree to not use STM facilities **and will inform STM by emailing Derrin Raffey at draffey@stmcollege.ca.** _____
4. I have read and understand the risks of not conforming with the safety and hygiene protocols that have been adopted by STM, and are posted on the Government of Saskatchewan's website (<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/about-covid-19#symptoms>) in advance of using STM facilities. I also understand that I must follow these safety and hygiene protocols. _____

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2020

Signature

Printed Name