To the StFX community:

I am writing to advise that earlier today Nova Scotia Public Health shared with us the news of a positive COVID-19 test result on campus. According to our information, the student arrived to campus on January 3rd and has been isolating in residence and following the prescribed safety protocols. During isolation, the student opted to go for testing which produced a positive result. The student continues to safely isolate on campus, with the appropriate academic and operational supports in place as per our pandemic plans.

On behalf of the university community, I wish to acknowledge and thank this individual for closely monitoring their health and for adhering to the health and safety protocols related to testing. By looking after ourselves, we look after our community.

Any contact tracing required is being managed by Public Health, and those considered to be close contacts are being approached directly by them. From a communications perspective, the university will follow the direction of Public Health when it comes to notification of potential exposure. The university will reinforce and promote Public Health notices in the interest of ensuring our community is well informed.

The university has developed comprehensive protocols and procedures related to testing and confirmed cases of COVID-19. These plans have been developed in accordance with, and supported by, Nova Scotia Public Health to ensure the safety of the community. You may find a copy of our plans by clicking on this link or by visiting our website at stfx.ca/coronavirus.

**Students arriving from outside of Atlantic Canada, please help protect your household and our community by getting tested.**

- Students should get one COVID-19 test on day 6, 7 or 8 of your self-isolation. Please book your appointment up to 3 days in advance by completing the COVID-19 self-assessment.
- If you need help with transportation to/from your testing appointment, please call 1-844-996-0694.

Anyone in Nova Scotia who thinks they have symptoms of COVID-19 should do the COVID-19 self-assessment. You can call 811 if you cannot complete the self-assessment online. Students

who experience symptoms and referred for testing are **required** to notify [Isolate@stfx.ca](mailto:Isolate@stfx.ca) so that we can provide you with supports and take steps to protect the safety of the community.

I want to take this opportunity to remind the community of the importance of self-monitoring for symptoms, as well as ensuring diligence with the basics of remaining safe – wear your mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing.

Sincerely,

**Andy W. Hakin PhD**

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