

## **COVID safety protocols for the start of class in September**

With the rising number of COVID cases in BC, we're implementing some VERY strict protocols in order for us to safely continue being in the school as a group. The only way to guarantee a successful return is continued vigilance. To ensure that the guidelines are clear and understood, we're providing everyone with a full list of what expectations we have and measures we're taking to prevent an outbreak at Northwest.

### **Daily Procedures:**

1. Upon entering the school (culinary students through the front door and pastry through the back door) students will have a temperature check done and will fill out a symptoms checklist. Students who register a high temperature or cannot answer the questions positively will be asked to self-isolate and/or be tested for COVID. As well, if a student feels ill for any reason they should not come to class and get tested.

\*\*\*Please note: a student must receive a negative result on their COVID test or isolate for at least 10 days before returning to class\*\*\*

2. Hourly, students will take a few minutes to wipe down and sanitize common areas (taps, knobs, etc)

3. Students will not all eat at the table - 1 student from each stove will eat at their station.

4. Students will wear a face-shield (provided by Northwest) and/or a mask at all times while in the kitchen (except while eating).

5. Students are STRONGLY encouraged to download the contact tracing app. As of this writing it is not tracing in BC yet, but once it rolls out we want to make full use of it. All Northwest staff will have the app downloaded and in use.

And now we must ask a favour of you....

6. We would like you to limit your number of contacts while in school. While we cannot separate you from family, we would ask you to be aware of limiting unnecessary contact with large groups and groups of people outside your bubble who are not masked. We are asking this as a courtesy to yourself, your classmates and Northwest staff. This school is a small business. It has been greatly affected by this virus. And anything that jeopardizes the continuation of class, will impact us even more.

Thank you so much for your care and attention.

## **What happens if you feel unwell or someone tests positive**

- 1) What will we do if someone tests positive for COVID and has been to school? We will close temporarily. Everyone should isolate and arrange to get tested. Email a copy of your negative test to Lena.
- 2) What if someone we have come into contact with OUTSIDE of school has tested positive? Isolate and arrange to get tested. Continue to isolate until you receive your results. If you test positive, please let us know and we will follow the procedure above. If you test negative, email a copy of your negative test to Lena.
- 3) What if I test positive? How long should I wait before coming back? If you test positive you should isolate and follow the Provincial Guidelines. If you test positive for COVID-19 please self-isolate until the following criteria are met:
  - At least 10 days have passed since the start of your symptoms, AND
  - Your fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medications (e.g., Tylenol, Advil), AND
  - You are feeling better (e.g., improvement in runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue).
  - If public health provides you with different advice, follow their instructions.
- 4) How will we make up time missed? If an individual misses time, we will make an attempt to help them catch up with recorded videos of demos, and contact with instructors after class. If the school is to close for a period of time, those days will be made up either through extended hours on days where we are back in class OR on weekends. As well, please be aware that we MAY have to a little bit past our projected finish date, so please do not make arrangements to leave for Christmas prior to December 23rd. Do keep in mind that any extension would be a WORST case scenario and we will make every effort to complete the course within the parameters laid out in your contact.