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International Student Arrival Checklist

Part 1 – Background Information

In March 2020, the world was plunged into a global pandemic. To ensure the safety of our students, staff and faculty, Western Community College (WCC) introduced an initiative that provided students the opportunity to continue their educational journey in an online format. After all, student safety is critical for us.

This document is intended to act as a guideline to assist in maintaining your safety while travelling and upon arrival.

Please work with the Western Community College staff to ensure you have the most current information and processes.

As well, you are responsible for communicating with the Canadian Health Care system.

Part 2 – Process

The "Back to Class with WCC" document outlines the processes that international applicants should follow to become students in the WCC campuses:

- Prior to enrolling international students work closely with administrators to be fully knowledgeable of the process to enter Canada on a student visa, including the use of *ArriveCAN* and the BC Covid-19 App within 48 hours of arrival.
- 2. Students will be provided a list of expectations upon arrival, including:
 - a. Need to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 molecular test taken up to 72 hours before their scheduled departure time
 - b. Take a COVID test upon arrival
 - c. Quarantine for 3 nights in a government approved hotel (List of Hotels)
 - d. Quarantine the remainder of the 14 day at a suitable location
 - e. Provide a clear COVID test at the end of the quarantine period. Kits to be provided upon arrival
- 3. Students will be provided a list of accommodations suitable for quarantine / self-isolation. Additionally, health and wellness information (i.e., food delivery, prescription delivery, virtual medical



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care, virtual mental health support) as well as infection control protocols, will be available online and from WCC staff.

- 4. During the 14-day quarantine period, the WCC Staff will check regularly to ensure general well-being as well as quarantine compliance.
- 5. The periodic virtual check-ins will be both one on one as well as in a group setting. The Groups checkins will be used as an opportunity to orient the new students to the culture of the college, procedures and practices as well as introduce the new students to various faculty and staff.
- 6. Western Community College believes in providing a safe inclusive learning community for all. We will communicate our message of inclusivity on our webpage and during our virtual check-ins.
- 7. The President of Western Community College, is responsible for the safety of the entire College Family and institution's compliance with this plan.
- 8. The information held within this document and the plans are the responsibility for the WCC Health and Safety Committee and the Leadership team.

Additional information for International Students is available from the following Government of Canada websites:

- Entering Canada by air during COVID-19
- Entering Canada by land during COVID-19
- Additional testing and more stringent quarantine requirements for travel to Canada
- <u>ArriveCAN</u>
- <u>Travel restrictions in Canada Visitors, foreign workers and students</u>
- Orders in Council related to the <u>Quarantine Act</u>

Part 3 – Student Checklist

This checklist is provided as a guideline for your safe travel. Please note that at this time, the situation remains fluid and may be updated, as required to minimize the spread of disease.

Please check if complete	Have you:
0	Been in contact with the regular communication with the Western Community College Administration?
0	Prepared a safe travel plan?Do you have a clear COVID test 72 hours prior to departure?



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	 Do you have a reservation at one of the government approved hotels for the mandatory three-day quarantine upon arrival?
	 Do you have a location booked for the remainder of the 14-day quarantine / self- isolation?
	• Do you have a mask available while on the Airplane?
	 Do you have a mask available upon arrival in Canada?
	 Do you have hand sanitizer for use during travel and upon arrival?
	• Do you have transportation from the airport to your quarantine location?
	• Do you have plans for personal support while in quarantine (i.e., access to food, access to medicine, access to communication technology, etc)?
	 Have you reviewed the Infection Control Protocols, as laid out by the local health authority?
0	Communicated your safe travel plan with your Western Community College contact?
0	Have you communicated your travel information with your Western Community College contact?
0	Means to contact ArriveCAN and the BC Covid-19 App within 48 hours of arrival?

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Form Approval

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