

## Laboratory Protocol for Students

UPEI has developed several plans and protocols to ensure that face-to-face teaching and learning can be conducted safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. The University has worked closely with the PEI Chief Public Health Office (PEI-CPHO) to develop a protocol for the safe use of laboratories. Laboratory class size will vary; however, each lab must follow the same protocol. Upon signing into Moodle, students will be directed to update their contact information.

The following measures will be implemented to protect the health and safety of students and faculty participating in face-to-face labs:

1. Students and instructors will be required to wear a three-layer mask in all campus buildings at all times, including in laboratory settings. Wearing a mask is not an option, but a mandatory requirement.
2. Whenever possible, students should be seated 2 metres/6 feet apart and the instructor should position themselves 2 metres/6 feet from students while teaching.
3. Students must sit in the same seat for each lab session throughout the semester.
4. Students are asked to limit what they bring to the laboratory.
5. Signage will be posted to remind students and faculty/lab instructors of public health etiquette and to direct traffic flow.
6. There will be one dedicated entrance and exit to each lab. Physical distancing (2 metres/6 feet) must be maintained at all times during the entry and exiting of labs. Students must practice physical distancing while waiting to enter a lab. If a lab has only one door, after all students have arrived, no one else may enter until the current occupants have vacated the lab.
7. When entering and exiting a laboratory, particular attention must be made to traffic flow in the hallway to ensure that physical distancing is maintained. There will be directional signage to indicate how to enter the hallway and how to exit the building.
8. Frequently-touched hard surfaces will be disinfected by the lab instructors at the end of each instructional day. These include:
  - Table/desk surfaces
  - Hard-surface seats

- Arms of the seats/stools
  - Workstations
  - Keyboard/mouse/monitors
  - Podiums
  - Equipment and instrumentation
  - Labware
9. Labs will be scheduled at least 30 minutes apart to ensure there is adequate time to follow entry/exit protocols and for frequently-touched hard surfaces to be disinfected.
10. A hand sanitizer station will be available at each building entrance and exit. Hand washing with soap and water can be performed at available sinks when required.