

Laboratory Protocol for Students

UPEI has developed several plans and protocols to ensure that face-to-face teaching and learning can be resumed safely during the Fall 2020 Academic Semester. The University has worked closely with the PEI Chief Public Health Office to develop a protocol for the safe use of laboratories. Laboratory class size will vary; however, each lab must follow the same protocol. Prior to attending your first in-person laboratory (or tutorial) you must log into Moodle. 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. Room occupancy in all laboratories has been reduced to allow for physical distancing of 2m/6ft.
2. A non-medical mask must be worn for the duration of the lab session. Entry into the laboratory will not be permitted unless a mask is donned. If you forget your mask, notify the lab instructor for direction.
3. Students are asked to limit what they bring to the laboratory.
4. Signage will be placed at the lab entrance to indicate the maximum number of people allowed to enter, and the layout of seating. Seats that are not available for use will be clearly marked. The seating layout must be adhered to at all times. Lab instructors will direct the students to their seats. Students must sit in the same seat for each lab session throughout the semester.
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 (2m/6ft) 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. After all students and instructors have left a laboratory, frequently-touched hard surfaces will be disinfected by the lab instructors. These include:
 - Table/desk surfaces
 - Hard-surface seats
 - Arms of the seats
 - 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.