

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 instructors participating in face-to-face labs:

1. Students and instructors will be required to wear a three-layer mask in all campus buildings, including in laboratory settings. Wearing a mask is not an option, but a mandatory requirement.
2. Instructors and students who are presenting may remove their masks when speaking if they are physically distanced by a minimum of 2 metres/6 feet. For all others, masks are mandatory in teaching spaces regardless of physical distancing.
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. Students and instructors are reminded to follow public health etiquette and to maintain 2 metres/6 feet physical distancing whenever possible.
6. Classrooms will be cleaned each day and frequently-touched hard surfaces will be disinfected by custodial staff. These include:
 - Table/desk surfaces
 - Hard-surface seats
 - Arms of the seats/stools
 - Workstations
 - Keyboard/mouse/monitors
 - Podiums
 - Equipment and instrumentation
 - Labware
7. 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.