



ST. AUGUSTINE'S  
SEMINARY

# COVID-19 Guidelines

for Faculty, Seminarians, Students, Staff/Employees,  
Contract Workers, Volunteers, and Visitors

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**REMEMBER**  
If you go to  
St. Augustine's  
Seminary, please  
wear a mask.



Please complete our  
online self-screening  
assessment before coming  
to St. Augustine's Seminary

[https://staugustines.on.ca/  
covid19-reporting-form](https://staugustines.on.ca/covid19-reporting-form)



For the St. Augustine's site on the St. George Campus of the University of Toronto, the policies and procedures established by the University of Toronto will be applied. These can be accessed through the University of Toronto COVID-19 update website: <https://www.utoronto.ca/utogether/covid-19-weekly-planning-update>

## **U of T requires all individuals attending University premises to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.\***

"Fully vaccinated" means 14 days following the recommended number of doses of a Health Canada-approved vaccine or a Health Canada recommended vaccination schedule following other vaccines. Given the changing nature of the pandemic, if the applicable public health authorities announce a different meaning of "fully vaccinated", that definition will take precedence. Visitors do not include children under 12 years of age until such time as they are able to be vaccinated.

*\* If you are not vaccinated for medical reasons or for grounds protected under the Ontario Human Rights Code, you must agree to attend an educational session about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination and provide weekly proof of a negative rapid antigen screening test.*

For questions relating to the U of T requirements, please contact your host department and the Occupational Health Nurse at [ehs.occhealth@utoronto.ca](mailto:ehs.occhealth@utoronto.ca) to determine next steps.

These COVID-19 Guidelines pertain to the Scarborough site of St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto (meeting all requirements provided by the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities: Postsecondary Education Health Measures Framework for Fall 2021).



If you have answered no to all the self-screening questions, you have a **green status** (please see Rapid Antigen Screening requirement on the second page). Ensure that you share your up-to-date contact information online before coming on site. A form will also be made available at reception as a back-up. Remember to wear a mask and abide by all COVID-19 signage and applicable public health requirements.



If you have answered yes to any of the questions above, you have a **red status**. Do not come to the Seminary.

## ➤ Rapid antigen screening

Those who obtain a medical exemption or who do not provide proof of full vaccination will be required to submit to regular antigen point of care testing for COVID-19 and to provide verification of the negative test result. Please review the section relevant to you below. If you have questions, please email [covid19@staugustines.on.ca](mailto:covid19@staugustines.on.ca)

If your rapid antigen test result is negative, then you can come on-site to the Seminary, while continuing the usual self-screening protocols. If a test result is positive, please remain at home/in-residence and follow public health guidelines accordingly. In all cases, the Vice-Rector of the Seminary should be informed of a positive test.

## ➤ Faculty, staff, contract workers, and volunteers:

We will provide you with rapid-test kits with the appropriate instructions. The test should be self-administered at home a minimum of once every seven days. Results should be available within 15 minutes.

## ➤ Seminarians or Resident Faculty:

Rapid-test kits will be provided with the appropriate instructions by the Vice-Rector or one's formation adv.

If a positive test result occurs, please self-isolate in your suite or room and inform the Vice-Rector.

## ➤ Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate:

Upon arrival at the Seminary for your first formation weekend, you will undergo a rapid test and be provided rapid-test kits with the appropriate instructions.

## ➤ Non-Conjoint and Conjoint Students:

Upon arrival at the Seminary, you will undergo a rapid test. If necessary, you will also be provided with your own kits with enough testing material for the next 3 months. Each time you enter the Seminary, you will be required to have completed a self-administered test within 72 hours of arrival. If the test result is negative, then you can continue to come to the Seminary. If the test result is positive, please remain at home and follow public health guidelines accordingly. Conjoint Students must complete their test within 24 hours of arrival.

## ➤ Visitors (remaining only in the reception-area meeting rooms):

You do not require the rapid-test. Please complete the self-screening questionnaire and undergo a temperature check upon entering the reception area.

## Protocol for Positive Rapid Antigen Test Results:

If it is required to confirm the positive result with a PCR test, then one should remain in self-isolation while awaiting these test results. Appropriate guidance will continue to be provided by the Occupational Health Nurse or the Vice-Rector. In addition, guidelines will be followed as provided by the Ministry of Health document *Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario – August 11, 2021 (Version 13.0)*.

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**Help stop the spread of COVID-19.**  
**For a list of the most common symptoms of COVID-19:**

[ontario.ca/page/covid-19-stop-spread](https://ontario.ca/page/covid-19-stop-spread).

If you start to feel symptoms of COVID-19, you should go to a [COVID-19 assessment centre](#) to get tested and stay home and self-isolate unless you are going to the assessment centre.