



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

Winter 2021 Residence at St John's College

St John's College Residence will be open and operational for the winter term.

Since the closure of the Fort Garry Campus due to COVID-19, St John's College has maintained its residence operations and continued to safely provide housing and food to a large number of its international students who were unable to return home, or had nowhere else to live.

The College adapted its operations to address the health and safety concerns brought about by the coronavirus. Cleaning and sanitizing routines were increased with a major focus on common areas and washrooms. Individual room cleaning was halted to limit personal contact with students. Meal delivery was drastically changed – students no longer served themselves from the buffet style serving area. Our Dining Room was closed, and students ate their meals in their rooms.

These measures, along with a consistent and repeated message of social distancing, hygiene, and responsible behaviour delivered by the College to the students, have proven to be successful. We have had no infections, and students and staff have adapted very well.

We will continue these measures in January, including:

- Adding a glass barrier to the serving window so that the folding shutter can remain open, and staff can prepare plates made to order for the students from the menu that day.
- Directional hallways to help in physical distancing.
- Two separate food service staff shifts to minimize exposure between staff.
- Gloves and masks are worn by staff, and hand sanitizer is available and provided for everyone.
- Students will continue to eat their meals in their rooms, or properly distanced in the Dining Room (one chair per table) and Common Areas.
- Washroom cleaning times will be doubled. An additional shift of cleaning will occur in the evenings. Common areas will also be sanitized and cleaned often. No individual room cleanings will be performed.
- Two apartment units will be kept vacant to be used for quarantine rooms if needed. These units are fully self contained, with a private washroom and kitchen.
- We will limit the occupancy in the residence to approximately 50%. This will reduce washroom use, and overall interaction between students allowing us to institute safe and proper social distancing.
- Education regarding social distancing, masks, and hygiene will continue, and proper behaviour among residents will be monitored and encouraged so that we are able to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our occupants.

Students Arriving from outside Manitoba

The state of the virus around the world and across Canada varies depending where you live. We need to be careful and responsible when we allow students from outside Manitoba into our residence. The following information is mandated by the Manitoba Provincial Government, and is taken directly from their website: <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/protection/soe.html>

“In general, anyone arriving in Manitoba is required to self-isolate for 14-days upon arrival to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, there are exceptions to this requirement specified in the order.

In addition, Manitoba residents who have travelled to western Canada* or northwestern Ontario are exempt if they have not travelled outside of western Canada or northwestern Ontario and are not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19. Residents of western Canada or northwestern Ontario are also exempt, if they have not travelled to another country or any part of Canada outside of western Canada or northwestern Ontario in the 14-day period immediately before entering or arriving in Manitoba and are not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19.**

***Western Canada means British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. (as defined in the order).**

****northwestern Ontario means that portion of Ontario that is located west of Terrace Bay (as defined in the order)”**

Anyone arriving from an area that requires them to self-isolate for 14 days after arriving in Manitoba must provide St John’s College with information regarding their self isolation plan. Self isolation must take place before arriving at St John’s, and cannot be done in the residence.

Moving forward

If you have not already applied, please go to our Residence web page and fill out an application form, and submit it to Fayaz.Hasan@umanitoba.ca along with your application fee. Your room will not be secured until you have paid your \$1,000 non-refundable deposit, which will be applied to your second term fees.

St John’s College Residence web page http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/residence/

Application page http://umanitoba.ca/colleges/st_johns/residence/Apply_now.html

Once we have your application you will receive additional detailed information regarding the move-in process.

We are looking forward to having you at St John’s College, and we are committed to supporting you as best we can and providing you with a safe and welcoming environment to succeed in your studies.

Please understand that the global COVID-19 pandemic is fluid and evolving. St John's will continue to monitor events and will always follow the Province of Manitoba's health guidelines. As such, our operational protocols are subject to change, with your health and safety in mind.