

Re-Opening of the Department of Anthropology

The key message underlying the reopening of the Department of Anthropology is safety.

The best way to stay safe is to stay at home... if you don't have to return to campus... **don't**. If you can work effectively from home, please keep doing so. To accommodate those who do need to return to campus, the University has released a 4-phase plan to re-open (details below). In the initial phases of this plan the goal is to keep occupancy on campus to 20% or less. The full possible population of faculty, staff and graduate students in our Department is about 60 – so 20% of that is 12. So, our goal is to keep the number of people in the Department to 12 people or less at any given time, appropriately spaced to respect physical distancing measures.

The University's COVID-19 information page is [here](#).

The University's link to the *Return to Campus* 4-phase plan is [here](#).

The University's link to the *Research Recovery Plan* is [here](#).

The University's link to *Frequently Asked Questions* about the return is [here](#).

Anyone coming to campus must:

- 1) Watch the [eight-minute COVID-19 training video](#) (accessed via OWL) called "Return to Campus Essentials" and complete the final question. This is done once.
- 2) Fill out the *Return to Campus Questionnaire*, which is [here](#) (login to HR and find the questionnaire there) (to be filled out for each visit)
- 3) Let Ed (ceastaug@uwo.ca) and Laura F. (flemi@uwo.ca) know
- 4) Use your ID card to unlock the building doors (records your presence for contact tracing)
- 5) Wear a face mask when passing through common areas and when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

If you do come in, you will likely be completely alone. So should a security or other emergency situation arise, recall that you should contact Campus Police at 911. That will connect you directly to them from campus phones; a cell phone call to 911 will go to London Police Services, who will then redirect the call to Campus Police.

Phase 1b – started June 3rd: Faculty members now have access to their offices and **principal investigators** have access to their labs.

Staff: Laura F, Laura C and Christine will continue to work from home for the foreseeable future. So, if you do come in, do not expect them to be in their offices. If you notice that we are out of something, or the copier breaks down etc. let Laura F know and she can channel that information in the appropriate direction. Ed will be on campus on a regular basis to ensure that everything is okay in the labs, and he will be working on developing materials for online lab courses. If you need something done in the Department, or want to retrieve equipment or research materials, Ed may be able to assist you.

Phase 2 – started June 9th: Graduate Students can now return to their offices. Please recall the mantra, if you can work effectively from home, don't come in. Please let Christine and Lisa know your plans and let Ed and Laura F know if you do come in.

Life in the Department: The abiding principle underlying the plan to return to campus is to stay safe, and not to endanger the health of others in the Department. The University's web page about *Health & Safety Measures* is [here](#). The key factors are: 2-meter physical distancing, frequent hand washing and the wearing of a face mask when moving through common spaces or if physical distancing cannot be maintained. Each person is responsible for providing their own mask. Hand sanitizers and sani-wipes are available in the photocopier room. Everyone is responsible for wiping down surfaces before and after touching them, and for hand washing/sanitizing before and after using the microwave, copier etc.

Facilities management has posted signs and floor stickers for information and traffic flow. Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the building.

Building Entrances – there are stickers on the entrance doors indicating “in” and “out” doors.

Hallways – there are floor stickers to direct traffic.

Stairwells – there is a Faculty policy here – ascending people should yield to descending people (but there's no sign for this).

Elevators – there is a sign beside the elevators ([found here](#)) that has the elevator policy, maximum occupancy of the elevators is 2. I would recommend coming up the wide open stairs behind the window wall that looks to UCC – lots of room there for physical distance.

Shared Spaces – see [this pdf](#) for the poster on shared spaces. [Here's the](#) poster for dining areas... which would apply to our photocopy room/fridge/microwave.

Washrooms – see [this pdf](#) for the poster for washrooms.

Fall Term: President Shepard's Plan for the Fall Semester is [here](#). Our courses will be 100% online. Our 2020-2021 undergraduate course offerings are posted [here](#). Grad courses will be posted shortly. Details such as grad office assignments, TA details etc. will be determined over the summer. The principles outlined above will generally pertain, but revisions will doubtless be necessary.

Summary: The key to the ongoing use of Department space is to be smart and to stay safe. If you do not feel well – *do not come into the Department!* If you do develop symptoms, consult with the London Middlesex Health Unit Covid-19 web page [here](#), and let Laura F and Ed know so they can assist with contact tracing and arrange to deep clean the area where you last worked.