

## CANADIAN STUDENT FAQs REGARDING COVID-19

The health and safety of our campus community, including our international students, is our top priority. Much of the information regarding our plan for academic and campus operations can be found at our [Fall 2020 COVID-19 Restart](#) website. Student Affairs and the International Services Team will do our best to answer questions, but please note that some items are outside of the control of Mayville State or the North Dakota University System. We will continue to update this document as the situation develops.

### **If travel advisories continue, will Canadian students be permitted to return to Mayville?**

If travel advisories remain the same for Canadian students as they are today (July 28, 2020), students would be able to cross the border and return to Mayville State. According to information obtained from the Canadian Government's COVID website regarding Canada-US border restrictions, "study" is considered a non-discretionary purpose so as long as a student does not have signs or symptoms of COVID-19, they would be allowed to do so. We have about 20 Canadian students that will be traveling to us in August, so we have been monitoring the situation closely.

### **Does a Canadian student have to quarantine for 14 days upon entry into the United States?**

Effective July 28, 2020, the State of North Dakota is providing a slight exemption to the quarantine order for Canadian students entering North Dakota. Canadian students must quarantine until they have been tested upon entry into North Dakota and those test results are negative. This may result in the 14-day quarantine being reduced to approximately 3 days, depending on how long it takes for the student to be notified of the results of the test.

Mass testing events will be available for students August 12<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup>, and August 24<sup>th</sup>. Canadian students needing to test are encouraged to make travel arrangements that align with those dates to allow for quarantining to occur as needed.

Students living in on-campus residence halls should make arrangements with Dr. Jeffrey Powell, Director of Student Life ([jeffrey.powell@mayvillestate.edu](mailto:jeffrey.powell@mayvillestate.edu)), **prior to their departure** so we can prepare for the student's arrival to Mayville State and discuss appropriate quarantine needs. Arrangements will be made for the delivery of meals and other considerations during the student's time in quarantine.

### **If a Canadian student show symptoms of COVID-19, will he/she be permitted to return to Canada to seek testing, treatment, and isolation?**

Yes. According to information on the Canadian website regarding travel advisories, [travelers returning to Canada that show symptoms](#) would be able to enter by land. There would be a 14-day mandatory isolation period once a student re-enters Canada and if there is a need for immediate medical attention, that would be available.

## **Are Canadian students required to purchase the school insurance? If so, would COVID-19 expenses be covered?**

There have been no changes to the North Dakota University System international student health insurance policy, so Canadians would still be eligible for an exemption and not required to purchase the international student health insurance plan.

If a student were to purchase the international student health insurance plan, there will be coverage for COVID-19 related expenses. The NDUS plan is through UnitedHealth, which is accepted at most medical providers in the region, including Sanford – Mayville. The annual cost is \$1,978, billed for fall (\$748) and spring/summer (\$1,230). More information on the plan can be found on the [NDUS International Student Health Insurance website](#), as well as on [UnitedHealth's COVID-19 website](#).

All Canadian students are strongly encouraged to review the international student health insurance plan through UnitedHealth and see if it might be an option for them since coverage between the US and Canada may be much different than in past years.

## **Will a Canadian insurance policy be accepted at medical providers in the United States and cover expenses related to COVID-19 testing, etc.?**

All insurance plans are different and students/families are encouraged to contact their insurance provider to determine what COVID-19 related expenses would be covered by their individual policy. It is also encouraged to verify coverage at local medical providers such as [Sanford - Mayville](#) or Altru.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act was passed in March 2020, which requires private and public American insurance companies to fully cover the costs of FDA-approved COVID-19 tests, as long as the test is deemed appropriate by a medical professional. A Canadian insurance provider would not be bound or obligated by that US federal legislation and additional costs may be incurred as a result.

## **Who can I contact with questions about being an international student or what to expect when I get to campus?**

Mayville State has a team of professionals that will answer your questions and get you connected to resources for assistance. Please feel free to contact us with questions as you prepare to return to campus for Fall 2020.

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