

COVID-19 INFORMED CONSENT - LIVING IN RESIDENCE

Brock University is committed to protecting your health and safety while participating in University Activities. However, the University cannot protect you against all risks, particularly given the spread of the novel coronavirus (or COVID-19). This informed consent is intended to make sure you understand the risk associated with participating in the University Activities given the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The Government of Ontario declared a province-wide state of emergency under *The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* on March 17, 2020 to protect the health and safety of all Ontarians and to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus (or **COVID-19**). COVID-19 is easily spread by contact with droplets produced by people who have the virus.

Brock University has put in place measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, however the University cannot guarantee that any individual attending the University Campus, using the University's facilities, or participating in activities organized by the University, whether on-campus or off-campus (including living in residence in shared accommodation) (and collectively, the **University Activities**) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the University Campus and participating in the University Activities, could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19.

All participants in the University Activities are being asked to carefully review, confirm, and agree to the statements made below. Please note: as public health and government guidelines may change, University plans and requirements may need to be revised. If so, participants will be advised accordingly.

Please review all statements and acknowledge by initialing in the spaces provided		Initials
1.	I understand that COVID-19 is extremely contagious and can spread by person to person contact. I also understand that individuals living in residence in shared accommodation often gather together closely for various activities, including, but not limited to, dining, communal kitchens, washrooms, high-touch surfaces, laundry facilities, stairwells, and elevators and may have challenges with physical distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.	
2.	I understand that by participating in my University Activities I may become infected with COVID-19, which could result in the following: extended quarantine/self-isolation, additional tests, hospitalization that may require medical therapy/intervention, intensive care treatment, possible need for intubation/ventilator support, short-term or long-term intubation, other potential complications (including lung and heart complications) and the risk of death.	
3.	I understand that COVID-19 might cause additional risks, some of which may not currently be known at this time.	
4.	I understand these risks could cause me to incur medical and other expenses.	
5.	I understand and will follow all applicable legislation and Public Health measures and guidelines. In addition, I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure I learn and follow all health, safety and other rules (including obligations outlined in Residence Agreement, Residence Community Standards and Student Code of Conduct) that have been adopted by the University which may be amended from time to time.	
6.	I understand that if I am sick or symptomatic in accordance with all applicable legislation and Public Health measures and guidelines, I will notify the Residence Service Desk as soon as reasonably possible.	
7.	I understand that any behaviour on my part that places others at risk will be addressed and will result in outcomes that may include immediate termination of my right/privileges to use the University's facilities (including living in residence) or attend my University Activities.	
8.	I have informed myself of the risks of COVID-19. I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily consent to participate in my University Activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.	

I acknowledge that this Informed Consent is valid from the date noted below until the end of my University Activities and governs all the University Activities in which I participate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name [print]: _____ Student Number: _____

For questions or concerns regarding University Activities or this form please contact Department of Residences at res@brocku.ca at any time.