



Dear residence students,

Two new positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Watts Hall. These cases relate to earlier identified cases and the affected students are isolating in Smith House. We also worked with KFLAPH to make arrangements for on-site testing of their households this weekend.

Further to Update 4 of March 16, we continue with the practice of isolating in place, where appropriate. At this time, only a single floor is isolating in place, pending the test results of the associated high-risk contact.

We understand that having to isolate is not easy, particularly for a 14-day stretch. With the larger number of students having to isolate for various lengths of time connected to the current outbreaks, we have increased staffing to respond to information and support requests, implemented regular daily outdoor time for those moved to Smith, and added food options, snacks, and special treats. We are also continuing with daily check-in calls to all students in isolation. If you have a friend isolating in Smith and would like to send them a care package, you can drop it off with their name to the Victoria Hall front desk and we will make sure it gets to them.

The university has recently shared an [update](#) regarding closures and restrictions for retail food outlets on campus. Please note that Booster Juice and the Starbucks in Mitchell Hall remain open at this time, take-out only. [Residence dining hall operations](#), as well as Location 21 and the Lazy Scholar remain open and are not affected by this announcement.

Asymptomatic testing appointments continue to be available by contacting Student Wellness Services at 613-533-2506 or through their [new online booking form](#). Over the weekend, you are able to book an appointment at the [Kingston Assessment Centre](#).

This weekend, we know that you will continue to be diligent and limit your contact with others, adhere to mask requirements, good hand hygiene practices and following the expectations set out in the Residence Community Standards.

Thank you for taking your responsibilities as a community member seriously by staying safe and limiting the spread of the virus.

Sincerely,
The Residence Life and Services Team

Please reach out for supports if you need them:

Mental Health Supports: [Good2Talk](#), [Empower Me](#), book an appointment with a counsellor at [Student Wellness Services](#)

Physical activity: [Virtual Fitness Programs](#), [On-demand workouts](#)

COVID-19 testing: [Student Wellness Services](#), [Kingston Assessment Centre](#) (at Beechgrove)

Academic supports: [SASS](#), request academic consideration through your faculty/program website