Dear residence students,

We have received notification today from KFLAPH that an additional positive case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in Watts Hall. This case relates to an earlier identified case and the affected student is already isolating in Smith House.

The KFLA region moved to the Yellow-Protect level of the Keeping Ontario Safe and Open COVID-19 Response Framework as of today, Monday, March 22 at 12:01 am. The move to the yellow-protect level means that strengthened public health measures have come into effect including limited hours of operations for certain settings, limits on the hours for sale at food and drink establishments, limits on the number of individuals permitted in certain settings, and collection of patron contact information. On campus, this affects the operating hours for Location 21, which will close daily at midnight, effective today.

As an additional measure, the City of Kingston has announced the closure of the Breakwater Park beach area and Gord Downie Pier. Kingston Police and the City’s Bylaw team are enforcing current regulations under the Province’s orders, including the extension of the Section 22 Class order which limits gathering sizes and other measures through to April 30, 2021. We know that the measures we’ve taken over the last ten days have had an impact on students and that it hasn’t been easy; we also know that the collective effort has helped to contain the outbreak in the residence community.

We appreciate all of your contributions to keep yourselves and the residence community safe. Please continue to be vigilant and thoughtful in your interactions with others by respecting the guest restrictions, limiting your contacts, frequent hand washing and wearing a mask while not in your room.

We know that as the end of term approaches, it can be a stressful time. Please have a look at the links below if you need support or resources.

Sincerely,

The Residence Life and Services Team

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