The University of Toronto is taking a gradual, phased approach to resuming normal operations on its campuses. During the current phase (Phase 1) most employees will continue to work from home and most instruction will be conducted online. This gradual approach is designed to minimize the density of people on campus and to uphold the University’s commitment to the City of Toronto to minimize the impact of its operations on public transit.

The University is taking a phased approach to resuming events for the safety of the University community. During the current phase (Phase 1), only outdoor in-person events to be attended primarily by University of Toronto residence students may proceed after following the requirements of the University of Toronto COVID-19 Events Guideline. The maximum gathering limit for each event is 50, or lower if the space limits the ability of participants to maintain physical distance (2 metres). Food/beverage provision is discouraged during this phase. Specifically, the following activities are not permitted during Phase 1:

- Indoor in-person student events
- Outdoor student events where the participants are not living on-campus
- Activities resulting in close contact with others such as dancing or contact sports
- Activities increasing transmission risk such as singing or cheering (e.g. pep rallies)
- Food/beverage provision or consumption that increases transmission risk such as homemade food or on-site cooking kitchen equipment

Student groups are encouraged to develop virtual alternatives during Phase 1.

Consistent with the University’s gradual approach resuming operations, New College will continue to limit student access to its facilities. The following facilities will remain closed during Phase 1:

- New College Student Council office and meeting room (until the Student Society Assessment Acknowledge Tool is approved by the University)
- New College Student Centre offices and meeting room
- Group study rooms in the D.G. ivy Library
- New College music rooms
- 45 Willcocks hang-out steps

The Wetmore Lounge, the Wilson Lounge and the newly renovated Gnu Lounge at 45 Willcocks will continue to be open. Face coverings are mandatory, and we ask that students respect the physical distance signage. Enhanced cleaning protocols are in place for the student lounges.

The New College policy will be revisited when the University moves to Phase 2.

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