January 4, 2022

Dear Brescia community,

Yesterday you may have received communication from Western related to the start of the winter term and modifications to main campus operations. This update was based on the provincial government announcement on January 3, 2022. Below is additional and important information specific to the Brescia community.

- The Hive will move to virtual services starting today, Tuesday, January 4. Hive staff are available via Live Chat, phone and email weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Clare Hall remains open for students living in residence. Capacity limits in lounges and study rooms have been reduced to follow provincial public health guidelines, along with limits on residence visitors and guests.
- The Mercato remains open. Beginning Wednesday, January 5, the Mercato will be open for take-out options only. In-person dining will be suspended as per provincial public health guidelines.
- The Beryl Ivey Library opens in-person services on Wednesday, January 5 with limited (50%) capacity as per provincial guidelines. All seating allows for physical distancing; seating must be booked online. Virtual services resume Tuesday, January 4. Any modifications to library hours or operations will be posted to the Beryl Ivey Library service updates webpage.
- Brescia’s Chapel will remain at 50% capacity; pre-registration for all Mass attendance is required and can be booked online.
- Three-layer non-medical disposable masks are required indoors. Employees are welcome to wear N-95, KN-95 or equivalent. Brescia has a supply of ASTM-level 3 disposable medical masks and additional PPE for community members upon request.

It is important that we take care of ourselves and our community, to stay healthy and well. While classes run virtually (starting January 10), all Brescia employees who can work remotely will continue to do so, through the end of January. Building access may be limited in certain areas, so employees and students can expect that key card entry will be required.

For those in our community who are in the London area, please be sure you are following the updated Middlesex-London Health Unit guidance to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. As well, Ontario Health has released updated information that helps clarify details for those concerned they have been exposed to COVID-19.

I realize these are challenging days for us. I can assure you we are responding to government directives as needed and will continue to support all members of our community to ensure our winter term begins successfully.

Yours truly,
Lauretta