



Word of Life Canada

Dear Parent, Student, Alumnus, or Friend,

Greetings from sunny, summertime Owen Sound! As we speak, we are making plans for students to arrive here at the Word of Life Bible Institute in Owen Sound. Yes, we plan to be open! As a team, we are looking forward to serving you this fall. There is a flurry of activity on campus, with buildings being refurbished and painted. Lots of excitement!

Many of you have been watching and reading the news about the COVID-19 virus here in Ontario and across Canada. Our Owen Sound campus, located in Grey-Bruce County, Ontario, is currently in stage 2 of the provincial reopening plan. Here in Grey-Bruce, our campus has been extremely safe, with very few cases in this local area. Being settled in a rural location does have its benefits when it comes to safety and health matters.

As we plan for opening this fall, we are taking the following steps to provide a safe and healthy environment:

Health Screening

- Before enrolling, all parents and students will go through a health screening station to ensure all guests and students on property are in good health with no signs or symptoms.
- All staff are currently working at home and self-monitoring. If anyone shows any signs of illness, they have been asked NOT to come to campus (or their office). All our staff that can work from home will continue to do so until late August.

Cleaning and Sanitizing of Dorms and Public Spaces

- All dorms and public spaces will be cleaned and sanitized on a regular routine schedule.
- The classroom will be sanitized daily.
- Our culinary staff will work hard not only to ensure a healthy menu, but also a very thorough cleaning and food safety plan. We will also be limiting the amount of people at a table in the dining room to maintain social distancing.
- Sanitizing stations will be located at the entrances to all buildings on campus.

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Social Distancing and Face Masks

- We are planning and preparing for social distancing protocols in the classroom, in the dorms, and in our dining room.
- Facemasks will be available for any student who desires to wear one. Currently, the province of Ontario has suggested that when an individual in a public setting is unable to maintain proper social distancing of six feet, they wear a mask. We will continue to monitor this and make proper adjustments as needed.
- Understanding that some students may desire to wear a mask or other personal protective equipment whether it is suggested or not, we will support that decision and be sure to provide a safe environment for them to do so.

These are some of the steps we are taking. As the province continues to open and move forward, we will take the provincial instructions we are given and develop our plans accordingly. If anything changes from what has been stated here, we will make sure to communicate thoroughly.

As the Associate Executive Dean, and on behalf of our staff, I can assure you the health and safety of the students here at the Word of Life Bible Institute in Owen Sound is a priority for our entire team.

Roger Peace, Jr., the President of WOLBI main campus says: *We cannot think of a greater time for students to be studying the Word of God. Our theme this year will be "Trustworthy." This theme was gleaned from Psalm 62:8, which says, "Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us." This year, we will be looking unto Jesus, who we can always trust. This year, when so many heart-wrenching world events have taken place and brokenness is seen in so many places, we look forward to providing a safe place for students to find refuge and grow in their dependence on our Saviour. As a staff team, we are looking forward to challenging students with the truth that they can always trust Jesus.*

We look forward to seeing you in September. Get ready for an amazing year of growing in your knowledge, understanding, and relationship with God and His Word!

If I can serve you in any way or answer any questions or concerns, please contact me at jward@wol.ca

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