Brescia students,

You will have seen Western’s announcement regarding the decision to revert to Phase 3 of their reopening plan. Brescia will follow Western’s protocol and beginning immediately, revert to a modified Phase 3 of our reopening plan.

Brescia will remain open to our students. All in-person classes and labs will continue to run as scheduled. Clare Hall residence and the Mercato will remain open. All in-person non-academic activities will be paused. Some access restrictions may be placed on common spaces across campus.

Access to Brescia’s buildings will continue to be monitored and students visiting campus are reminded to complete the “Take Care Western” COVID-19 questionnaire. Students may be required to provide proof of completion of the questionnaire to gain access to campus. Western will be enforcing these policies if you are accessing main campus.

The Hive will remain open for in-person inquiries with hours remaining the same, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Beryl Ivey Library will run in current system until 4:00 p.m. today. Beginning tomorrow, services will be offered by appointment only, please visit the Beryl Ivey Library website for the most current status.

At this time, the Brescia community is not deemed as high risk. We do not know of any positive COVID-19 cases at Brescia. This is why it is critical that we share the responsibility for our community’s health, safety and wellness. Behaviour exhibited by Brescia students that could put our community at risk, or cause concern from a public perspective, may be investigated under our Student Code of Conduct.

At Brescia, we know that our students’ connection to each other is intrinsic to our shared community experience, however these interactions should be limited to within your social circle or “bubble” to help prevent spread of the virus. Part of our responsibility includes avoiding large gatherings, particularly off campus social gatherings, and continuing to practice appropriate physical distancing. Students visiting campus for classes or labs must maintain physical distancing, even when wearing masks or other PPE.

When congregating outdoors and not wearing masks or face coverings, responsible physical distancing measures must be followed.

To ensure the continued health and safety of our community, please follow local public health guidelines and view resources posted to Brescia’s COVID-19 website. If you have come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or are concerned that you may have been exposed to the virus, there are options for testing on campus.

**COVID-19 testing trailer:** Located in Social Science Centre parking lot, Western’s testing trailer is open Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those visiting the trailer are asked to wait in physically distanced line to access a test.
Any students with accessibility needs can book a COVID-19 test with the nurse at the Student Health clinic by calling 519-661-3030, and employees can do so with the nurse at the Workplace Health at 519-661-2047.

**Student Health Care Clinic:** Symptomatic patients who need a physician’s assessment can book a virtual visit with a doctor. A follow-up examination and COVID-19 test may be scheduled at the doctor's discretion. To book an appointment, please visit the appointments page.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we work together to put the health and safety of the Brescia community at the forefront of our decisions.

Sincerely,
Dr. John Mitchell

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