Happy New Year!

Goodbye 2022 and Hello 2023

If it's your first term: Welcome to McGill! And if you're a returning student: Welcome back!

Here are a few tips to help you start the term right:

- The course Add/Drop deadline is January 17th.
  - Register for a Q&A with an ISS Advisor
- Want to work in Canada? You'll need a Social Insurance Number
  - Visit the SIN Clinic on January 12th on Campus
- Try a Montreal Bagel on campus on January 24th!
- Jan. 23-27th is Well Week! Follow @healthiermcgill for more details

Best wishes for a healthy, and successful 2023!

International Student Services

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IMMIGRATION UPDATES

Travellers flying back to Canada from China, Hong Kong and Macau

As of 12:01am (ET) January 5th, 2023, all passengers aged two years and older travelling to Canada by air from the People’s Republic of China, Hong Kong and Macau – regardless of nationality - will be required to provide a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than two days prior to departure.

To comply, travellers must provide airline officials with a negative molecular (e.g., a PCR test), or a negative antigen test (e.g., rapid test) with proof that the test was overseen by a telehealth service or an accredited laboratory or testing provider, before being allowed to board their flight.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 more than 10 days before your flight’s departure, but not more than 90 days prior, you can provide proof of your recent positive test result in lieu of a negative test result. Please see the Public Health Agency of Canada’s website for the full announcement.
Reminder for ALL STUDENTS

All students must have a valid CAQ and study permit to resume or begin their studies at McGill. If you do not have a valid CAQ and study permit you are not authorized to be studying.

If you are currently outside Canada and plan to return to Montreal, you will also need a valid Temporary Resident Visa (TRV or “Visitor Visa”) or Electronic Travel Authorization unless exempt*

*US citizens and permanent residents do not require a TRV or eTA to enter Canada.

For more information, please see our Travel FAQs.

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International Student Health Insurance (IHI): UPDATES

IHI: Activate your coverage

Be sure to activate your McGill’s International Health Insurance (IHI) contract on Minerva as soon as possible. Please be mindful of the January 31st deadline* to do the following:

- Send us your supporting documents, if you have applied for an exemption
- or to opt-in to the IHI plan, if you are a Canadian citizen without a provincial health plan.

*Please note that International students applying for Régie de l’assurance maladie du Québec (RAMQ), under the Social Security agreement, may experience delays with obtaining their RAMQ letter of confirmation or card by the January 31st deadline. Please see our IHI FAQ’s for more information on the RAMQ processing delays and exemption options.

After activating your IHI plan on Minerva, please wait 7 business days to sign up for the Medavie Blue Cross app or the Medavie Blue Cross website portal. You can then make your claims by using Medavie Blue Cross eClaims. Please see our website for more information on how to submit claims and instructions on how to register for the Medavie Blue Cross app and website portal.

We highly encourage you to learn all about McGill’s International Health Insurance Plan and Accessing Healthcare in Quebec by viewing our webinar recording that was live on December 2, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact us!

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JANUARY CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

January 7: Coptic Christmas
January 9: Coming of Age Day
January 12: Berber New Year (Yennayer)
January 13: Lohri
January 14: Pongal
January 15: Makar Sankranti
January 16: World Religion Day
January 19: Timket
January 21: Altagracia Day

**If we missed a celebration in your country or region, send us more information at events.iss@mcgill.ca**
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