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The Haida Gwaii Institute is closely following direction from the Council of the Haida Nation, local Emergency Operations Centres (EOC), and the most current Provincial Health Office Orders to determine how we will safely continue our in-person programming.

If any of these leadership bodies decide it is unsafe to continue our in-person programming, we will heed their advice without hesitation. This may involve postponing or cancelling programs or events at any time.

We have implemented and follow the [University of British Columbia's Covid-19 Safety Plan for Learning Spaces](#). This safety plan was developed using the BC Restart Plan, Provincial Health Office Orders, Post-Secondary Go-Forward Guidelines, and WorkSafeBC as regulatory context. To review this safety plan in full, [please follow this link](#).

We also embrace the [Haida Gwaii Pledge](#) and ask all incoming students and instructors to join us in respecting Haida Gwaii and Haida ways of being during their stay. This pledge requires that all visitors to Haida Territory are to be fully vaccinated.

Beyond these prescriptive measures and controls, here are some of the highlights and additional measures we'll be following:

- We require all students, staff, and instructors to be fully vaccinated (a minimum of two weeks) before their arrival to Haida Gwaii.
- We follow the Haida Heritage Centre's (HHC) safety protocols, which require or recommend students, staff and instructors to wear face coverings in all indoor settings at the HHC.
- Students, staff, and instructors will conduct their own daily assessment to determine if they are healthy enough to participate in class and will isolate/quarantine/seek medical attention as deemed necessary.
- Any members of the HGI community who may be experiencing Covid-19 symptoms are asked to follow the guidance of the BCCDC. The current guidance advises individuals who test positive to contact their own close contacts. More information on steps to take, including when and how to notify your close contacts can be found on the [BCCDC website](#).

We also expect that our incoming students and instructors will demonstrate respect to their own health and safety, as well as to our collective health and safety, by making good personal decisions while they are on Haida Gwaii. This involves being mindful of their conduct and aware that their personal actions have collective consequences to our precious community and our



limited local health care infrastructure. We implore anyone that cannot commit to these values to **stay home**.

HGI is committed to providing the best possible learning experience. Our program may be impacted by Covid-19, requiring us to respond and adjust with short notice, to uphold the course integrity as best we can and to support our staff, students and instructors while they are unwell.

We are available to discuss any concerns students or instructors may have before their arrival. There are many factors outside of our control that may impact operations as usual, and require us to all be flexible, open to change, and tolerant of these risks.

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HGI Team