

Brock COVID-19 update for Tuesday, April 14

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Here's a look at some of the updates to Brock University's COVID-19 response for Tuesday, April 14:

The Government of Ontario has [extended all emergency measures currently in place](#) in order to stop the spread of COVID-19. This includes the continued closure of outdoor amenities in parks and recreational areas, non-essential workplaces, public places, and bars and restaurants, along with restrictions on social gatherings.

Dining Services donates to local long-term care residence

A donation of trays is the latest resource Brock has offered the local community to help out during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dining Services answered a call for help from the long-term care residence Henley House for a donation of dining trays. The use of trays will allow the facility to increase physical distancing between residents by implementing food delivery instead of eating communally.

[Read the full story on The Brock News.](#)

Central Receiving and Mail Services continue working during busy time of year

Central Receiving and Mail Services Supervisor Kevin Lawr and Mail Clerk Steve Anderson have been at Brock since the start of Brock's operational changes to keep things running smoothly. They have altered their shipment and delivery systems and continue to implement health and safety protocols to create a safe work environment.

Central Receiving is still operating from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, while Mail Services continues to function, but is offering limited delivery.

Mail that has been delivered to Brock is being securely held in the Mail Room. Inquiries for pickup arrangements can be emailed to klawr@brocku.ca

[Read the full story on The Brock News.](#)

Wellness Day 2020 cancelled

Brock's popular Wellness Day, which was scheduled for Thursday, June 18, is cancelled.

Brock continues to follow the advice of public health experts on the COVID-19 pandemic to help ensure the safety of staff, faculty and students. The decision to

cancel this year's Wellness Day was made due to the uncertainty of the virus in the upcoming months.

Wellness Day will not be rescheduled this year, but the Brock Employee Wellness team will be looking to plan wellness events throughout the fall and winter.

IT Help Desk

The IT Help Desk located in the Computer Commons is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed on weekends. Remote support is available from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Friday, and has now been expanded to weekends, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Remote support is available to faculty, staff, students and the rest of the Brock community.

Please note, remote support will be extended to 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 to support the Brock community during the only weekend day when online exams are being held.

Questions can be directed to ithelp@brocku.ca

Update from the Central Academic Advising team in the Office of the Registrar
Appointments with central academic advisors through the Office of the Registrar are available through the [appointment booking system](#).

To book an appointment with the Central Academic Advising team, choose 'Academic Advising and Exploration Services' in the drop-down menu (first option). Remember to click 'Submit' on the final summary page to confirm your appointment. At this time, phone/virtual appointments are being offered through the Microsoft Teams platform.

Additionally, for quick general questions, students may use the 'Live Chat' option on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Visit the website at brocku.ca/academic-advising and click the 'Chat With Us' link.

Students who need to connect with specific departmental program advisors are encouraged to do so via email. Contact information for all departmental program advisors can be found at brocku.ca/academic-advising/find-your-advisor

Spring Term book list now available

Students enrolling in Brock's Spring Term courses are now able to order course materials as the [Campus Store](#) has launched online sales. To help ease the online shopping experience, shipping is free across North America for purchases over \$50 with packages typically arriving within one to three business days of purchase. International shipping fees apply and are dependent on destination, weight and value.

[Read the full story on The Brock News.](#)

Return of sports leagues raises many tough questions

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Assistant Professor of Sport Management Michael Naraine says the overarching issue of public safety is being clouded by the financial bottom lines of professional sports leagues as they begin to examine how to resume operations.

To appease their ethical concerns, Naraine believes each league must carefully examine its motives.

“Think of these decisions as a cost benefit,” he says. “At what point do the leagues feel comfortable enough that the health and safety of everyone involved does not outweigh the benefit of the money they will now get back?”

[Read the full story in the Brock News.](#)

Mental health resources – update for students

Brock is dedicated to supporting students with mental health resources.

Face-to-face counselling is currently not available, however same-day drop-in counselling is still accessible. Email counselling@brocku.ca to be contacted via Microsoft Teams with an appointment time and a counsellor’s name.

For 24/7 personal counselling phone 833-276-2533 (833-BROCK33).

From Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., students can access Student Health Services (SHS) by phoning 905-688-5550 x3243 to leave a message and contact number, or by emailing referralstaff@brocku.ca

Student Accessibility Services remains available for students and contact information can be found on [SAS website](#).

If you have questions about COVID-19 symptoms and need to speak to a SHS nurse, please email jarocque@brocku.ca

For medical emergencies, students should phone 911.

Employees can access immediate support for mental health and other challenges through the [Employee and Family Assistance Program](#), which has been made available to all current Brock employees as part of the University’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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