

Brock COVID-19 update for Monday, April 27

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Here's a look at some of the updates to Brock University's COVID-19 response for Monday, April 27:

Brock continues post-pandemic planning

The Province of Ontario today released its initial roadmap as it plans for a carefully staged months-long emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic. The framework identifies the conditions required to begin a three-phased gradual process to re-open. The document released by the government does not provide any dates or timelines for when these steps will be taken.

Brock is paralleling the developments at the province by starting to formulate the University's plans for a gradual and partial resumption of services. This will be undertaken in a guarded and diligent fashion informed by public health and focused on the health, safety and wellness of our faculty, staff and the broader community.

[Read more in the Brock News here.](#)

Brock mourns passing of honorary degree recipient Wilma Morrison

Celebrated historian, curator, advocate, volunteer and educator of Black history Wilma Morrison passed away Thursday at the age of 91.

Morrison, who received an honorary degree from Brock in 2010 for her efforts in promoting and preserving Black history and Niagara's connections to the Underground Railroad, died of complications due to COVID-19.

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

Brock faculty holding webinars for sport organizations and migrant workers

A pair of free live webinars will be held Thursday, April 30 aimed at two different groups of people dealing with COVID-19 issues.

The first, hosted by Brock's Centre for Sport Capacity, will look to help sport and recreation organizations with legal questions that have arisen as a result of the pandemic. The speaker will be Hilary Findlay, a recently retired Associate Professor of Sport Management at Brock who specializes in risk management, regulatory issues, contracts and other legal issues affecting sport and recreation organizations.

[Read more about that webinar here.](#)

The second webinar, hosted by the Canada-Caribbean Institute founded by Brock University and the University of the West Indies (UWI), will address the plight of migrant farm workers in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic. Leading the discussion will be Ambassador Richard Bernal, Professor of Practice,

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Global Affairs at UWI, along with Assistant Professor of Labour Studies at Brock Simon Black, Professor of Biological Science Liette Vasseur and two presenters from UWI.

[Read more about that event here.](#)

Virtual Open House now live

Brock's [Virtual Open House](#) went live for prospective students and their families Monday. It will be hosted online until June 1, aligning with the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) deadline for accepting offers of admission.

The Open House offers a variety of digital experiences to illustrate the vibrant community that students will be interacting with at Brock this Fall. In addition to developing their own content, the Recruitment team sought input from Brock faculty, staff, students and community partners, who contributed documents, photos, videos and presentations that help illustrate the value and experience of a Brock education.

[Read more in The Brock News here.](#)

Computer Commons / IT Help Desk Update

Brock's IT Help Desk is now fully online with remote support available from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends. Remote support is available to faculty, staff, students and the rest of the Brock community. Questions can be directed to ithelp@brocku.ca or by phoning 905-688-5550 x4357.

Students needing course-specific software will be given further information from their instructors on how to access Brock's virtual lab space.

Instructors teaching in the Spring/Summer Term with questions about what software is included in the virtual lab or how to use it, please contact ITS at ithelp@brocku.ca

How to contribute to COVID-19 Student Emergency Bursaries

In recognition of the significant impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on students' financial situation, the [University has created the COVID-19 Undergraduate Student Emergency Bursary and the COVID-19 Graduate Student Emergency Bursary.](#)

To make a one-time gift online please visit brocku.ca/donate, and to contribute through payroll deduction visit my.brocku.ca/BrockDB/pay_EmpDeductionCampaign.aspx

Mental health app for employees

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.

The free My EAP app offers interactive support tools and easy access to health and wellness information

directly on a mobile device. Users can also access an instant chat with a counsellor or book an EFAP support service. Visit workhealthlife.com/myeap to locate and install the app on your mobile device.

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 Student Health Services nurse, please email COVID19@brocku.ca

For medical emergencies, students should phone 911.

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