

FAQ: COVID-19 AND THE MANITOBA INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH PLAN (MISHP)

What is COVID-19 and what is the current status of the outbreak?

COVID-19 is a new virus that was first detected in Wuhan, China in late 2019 and has now spread to a number of countries, including Canada. For a more detailed explanation and the most up-to-date information on the spread of the virus, see the Government of Canada's [outbreak update page](#).

What are the symptoms of COVID-19 and preventive measures I can take against it?

For information on symptoms and preventive measures, see the [resources](#) provided by the Government of Canada.

What coverage does MISHP provide for expenses related to COVID-19 in Manitoba?

All eligible international students are covered by MISHP. Therefore, if you are required to be tested for COVID-19 in approved testing sites, the medical expenses incurred for testing will be covered under your plan. For more information, please visit [mishp.ca](#).

Please note that newly enrolled international students are covered on an Emergency basis for up to one (1) calendar month prior to the start of their first Academic Term. During this period, medical treatment and testing for COVID-19 will only be covered if symptoms began after departure from your home country.

What are some other additional recommended sources of information?

- [Government of Canada](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Global Affairs Canada](#)
- [Manitoba – current COVID-19 situation](#)

You can also contact your institution's Health Services and monitor their social media channels and website for information that applies specifically to your campus.

Please check back often as we will continue to update this FAQ as the situation evolves.