

COVID-19 January 15th update

By Linda Jarvin, President of PCA

Dear Members of the PCA Community,

The French Prime Minister made new announcements regarding pandemic-related restrictions tonight (Thursday, January 14th), and as of this Saturday, there will be a **curfew from 6 pm to 6 am** in the entire country. This means that you must be at home at 6 pm, so our course schedule will be adapted in order that all in-person courses end at 5 pm, giving students, faculty and staff time to commute home.

On-line classes can end at a later time, and we have asked all liberal studies (courses with an FLIB course code), art history (courses with an FHCA course code) and all other instructors who can adapt to teach on-line for the first month of the semester in order to limit the number of students on campus at any given time. You can consult your department chair if you are uncertain about where any given class that you are registered for is being held.

Starting Monday, January 18th the building hours will be **8:30 am to 5 pm from Monday to Friday**, and we will make arrangements to open up the campus on Saturdays from 9 am to 5 pm starting the second week of classes.

It is absolutely essential that everyone on campus **respect the hygiene and distancing measures** put in place: wash or disinfect your hands regularly, wipe down shared surfaces, open up the windows to refresh the air in the classroom between each class, use the Rocroy staircase for going down and the Fenelon staircase for going up, and respect a 1.5-meter distance with the nearest person when you are eating lunch and removing your mask.

We all have a part to play in making sure that the virus does not spread, and thereby avoid additional restrictions and possibly confinement measures.

If your health status puts you particularly at risk, you should consult with your general practitioner to be signed up for priority vaccination, which will start for persons at risk of all ages on **Monday January 18th**.

The measures announced tonight will evolve with the evolution of the pandemic, and it is important that you stay up to date and check your PCA email regularly for updates.

Stay well,

Linda Jarvin