

From: [Faculty of Health Science \(announce\)](#)
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This message is for all faculty, staff and students of the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS)

FHS Corporate Services, in conjunction with Hamilton Health Sciences, has approved a reopening strategy for the Ewart Angus Centre (EAC) in the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) which is also known as the McMaster Children's Hospital or the McMaster University Medical Centre. The information provided below will enable individuals to familiarise themselves with hours of operation, screening and masking protocols prior to arrival.

As per the university and Public Health guidelines, masking is mandatory for all interior spaces. Two metre distancing must also be maintained and occupancy limits apply to all spaces. No food or drink is permitted within the EAC or any teaching or tutorial room space within the HSC building. Beginning Sept. 7, people will also be screened for full vaccination status or a recent negative COVID test result to enter McMaster's campus.

Date of Reopening: **Monday, August 23rd, 2021**

Hours of Operation: HSC Ewart Angus Centre will be open seven days a week, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Screening: Students, staff and faculty are expected to self screen prior to arrival on campus. There will no staffed screening stations in the Ewart Angus Centre.

Use either the Ontario or the FHS screening tool no more than one hour before arriving on site:

Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment screening tool: <https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/campus-health-safety/#tab-content-screening-process>

FHS COVID-19 self-assessment screening tool: <https://fhsscreening.mcmaster.ca>

Masking: Consistent with university and Public Health guidelines, masking is mandatory for all interior spaces. Cloth masks are permitted within the HSC Ewart Angus Centre and HSC Health Sciences Library areas only. In order to travel beyond the Ewart Angus Centre into areas of the HSC hospital building, medical grade masks are required. Students requiring access to the hospital building beyond the EAC should have received their medical grade masks via their program registration process. Medical grade masks may also be obtained by entering the HSC building through the front/main entrance and proceeding through the hospital visitor screening process.

Scope and Boundaries: Access to the hospital building beyond the EAC is restricted and medical grade masks must be worn at all times. Checkpoints with signage have been established at various locations bordering the EAC. In order to travel beyond these checkpoints, students, faculty and staff will be required to don a medical grade mask. This includes access to levels 3 and 4 via the purple (north-west) elevators.

Contact: If you have any questions or concerns please contact FHS Corporate Services, McMaster

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