

People across the university are involved in McMaster's planning decisions around COVID-19.

These are the key groups involved in planning around the pandemic:

- The President and Vice-President's Group (PVP)
- The university's Pandemic — Planning & Recovery Committee (also known as Back to the Future) is an adaptation of the Crisis Management Group to deal with the current situation. It includes the president and vice-presidents, deans and senior academic and administrative leaders and operational leaders from across the university.
- The Return to Campus Committee focuses on the many operational issues and is responsible for the implementation of decisions for safety, facilities, cleaning, wayfinding, parking and a range of other matters related to the pragmatic issues of working on campus.
- All of the regular governance processes of the university remain in place and are holding their regular meetings and continuing their committee work, including the Senate and the Board of Governors
- Planning committees have also been established in Faculties and other areas of the university to coordinate unit plans and priorities related to the pandemic