Carleton University
Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #11 – September 9, 2020.
Microsoft Teams, 10:00 am

The JHSC Management co-chair Tony Lackey chaired the meeting. Given the special nature of the meeting, quorum was not required (although it was attained).

**Information #1.** Tony opened with an update on the return of students to campus. There are roughly 1200 students in residence. Tony thanked Nancy and Linda for all of the work they did on getting the residence spaces inspected. Housing has done a great job to accommodate our students.

**Information #2.** There is a registered nurse operating out of the residence precinct to help students with any COVIUD symptoms and to provide testing as required.

**Information #3.** International students who are returning to campus are under quarantine procedures on campus and we have had no positive cases at this time.

**Information #4.** Tony indicated that the University Centre is open, specifically the galleria for Campus card, Portraits is opening next week, Rooster's is open, the cafeteria is opening this week, and the Bookstore is open. The occupancy is being monitored to ensure that we can maintain proper physical distancing. The library is also being monitored to ensure that capacity is not exceeded.

**Information #5.** Several additional services in Athletics. The fitness centre has reopened this week under strict guidelines. The capacity of the Ice House has been increased as per government protocols. The gyms and the Field House and the rest of the Athletics will be progressively opened in the coming weeks. Access to each specific facility is restricted as users are only allowed to enter the area that they are using. They will not be allowed to go from one space to another or use the common areas.

**Information 6.** The September 23, 2020 COVID Update meeting will be cancelled in light of the full regular JHSC meeting that is scheduled to take place on September 30, 2020.

**Information #7.** Nancy discussed the updated mask policy which was officially released on August 27, 2020. An updated training completion list will be provided to the various Deans and VPs to provide an up to date list of everyone who has completed the mandatory COVID training.

## **Questions Raised**

- **Q1.** A member asked how the university is monitoring access to the University Centre? Tony indicated that there is only one entrance and there is counting happening at the door. The issue is to make sure that people do not use other exits as this can lead to inaccuracy in the count.
- **Q2.** A member asked if the food court is open for students? Tony indicated that Food Court is open, Kevin Mann indicated that the Pizza Pizza and the Market are open, there is mobile ordering and kiosk options to reduce the number of people. The Starbucks in the University Centre and the Tim Horton's in Richcraft are open. Nancy also indicated that the residence cafeteria is open and available to students who are in residence and have a mealplan.

**Q3.** A member asked if cleaning staff are coming back to campus? Dan Redmond indicated that the cleaning staff never left campus and that FMP has increased the number of cleaners to ensure service is sufficient to follow the Ontario Public Health guidelines. The key is to be able to clean high touch surfaces twice daily. Every department's plan to return to campus focuses on having necessary cleaning staff to be able to take care of the space.

## Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be a formal JHSC meeting **Wednesday**, **September 30**, **2020**, **at 10:00 AM**, on Microsoft Teams.

## Adjournment