

Carleton University
Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #13 – October 21, 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 provided an update related to new COVID restrictions and protocols. October 18, 2020 for Toronto, Ottawa and Peel region, the province instilled a modified Stage 2. The biggest impact for the university was to Athletics and residence. The residence food service has been shifted to a take out only. Food Services is also adding a food truck on campus to help with the food experience in light of the restrictions.

Athletics has limited opening options for the pool and ice rinks and they are assessing if there is a business model that will be successful to maintain operations.

Oliver's was previously open for take-out, due to low demand CUSA has now decided to close Oliver's. The Dominion Chalmers Centre was also impacted by the restrictions. No live performances were allowed as of Friday but the province has since loosened that restriction.

The orders are somewhat inconsistent in some areas, it continues to be a challenge for the university as to how to interpret and address the protocols. Under Stage 2, the restrictions indicate that unless work is absolutely essential, all employees are to continue to work from home.

Information #2. Tony indicated that communication has been provided to the community regarding how to procure office furniture for employees who will continue to work from home.

Q1 – A member asked if the furniture funding is available for grant funded employees. Nancy indicated that she did not hear about any restrictions, but will confirm with Finance to verify if funding is available.

Information #3. Additional communication was sent by the university to employees regarding special leave and support that is available. Additional counselling and support are available through the employee and family assistance program (EFAP). HR will work with individuals employees who may not have access to EFAP to inform them of services that may be available through other resources.

Information #4. The CTTC, University Centre, the Maintenance Building and Residence Commons (starting next week) have now incorporated an active screening process for anyone who wishes to access these buildings. All individuals need to complete the screening questionnaire each day and display the test result as they enter the building. Employees will need to use their cards to swipe into the building. This helps the university to properly track

where employees are located on campus for contact tracing purposes. ITS indicated that 482 individuals completed the screening in the first 2 days. Need to ensure that anyone accessing campus is completing the self-screening prior to entering campus. A failed self-screening results in the individual not being allowed to enter campus and are requested to go home and an email is forwarded to EH&S to follow-up with the individual.

Q2 – Brian Billings enquired about the process when an individual inputted incorrect information. Brian was wondering if the individual would then receive an updated passed test email once the error has been rectified. Nancy indicated that all individuals who make errors in the initial screening will need to re-take the screening questionnaire again so that they can get a passed result. EH&S responds to the failed emails twice per day.

Q3 – A member asked what happens when an individual has a failed screening result. Tony indicated that it is on an individual basis, a failed self-screening results in the individual not being allowed to enter campus and are requested to go home and an email is forwarded to EH&S to follow-up with the individual.

Information #5. The research is showing that COVID is not as transmissible on surfaces as originally thought. Despite this new research, the university is maintaining the rigorous cleaning methods to ensure that there is no potential of transmission/exposure due to contaminated hard surfaces.

Information#6. Tony also indicated that the university has not received any firm pilot projects regarding any possible in-person teaching opportunities for the second semester.

Q4 – A member enquired about the new OC Transpo access to campus, as the southside of the field is very exposed to the new bus stop on Raven Road. There is no fence to stop any balls from ending up on the road, and there is a steep drop off on the other side of the road which could cause injuries. Brian Billings indicated that he will speak with the project manager, Jeff Brick, to follow-up regarding the issue.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment