

**Carleton University
Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #14 – November 4, 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 introduced Justin Messier to the committee as the new OPSEU 404 representative. A formal introduction will follow at the next JHSC meeting. Nancy introduced Devon Reeves as president of OPSEU and Deborah Jackson as representing the President of CUASA.

Information#2. Tony provided an update related to new COVID restrictions and protocols. New protocols were released on November 3, 2020. Tony provided details contained in the supporting documentation. The documents outlined the 5 key areas of transmission; close contact, prolonged exposure (minimum 15 minutes of cumulative exposure), forceful exhalation, crowded spaces and closed indoor spaces. The documents outlined principles, proactive and graduated responses, leveraging science and ensure and providing clarity.

Tony discussed the new framework, and discussed that gyms and restaurants in limited capacity will be allowed to re-open as of November 7, 2020 as Ottawa is moved into the “Restrict” stage of the provincial government’s newly released framework.

Tony discussed the expected impacts to the university as a result of the new framework. The impact on food services for students is still being reviewed.

Ottawa Public Health has been wholly supportive of the decisions that the university has made regarding COVID-19.

Information #3. Nancy indicated that the CU issued face masks for staff and faculty are 3 ply, which aligns with the new recommendations for effective face coverings.

Information #4. Nancy indicated that the university is providing the number of COVID cases online, <https://carleton.ca/covid19/updates/cases-on-campus/>. The numbers are updated on a daily basis.

Nancy clarified that specific individuals who test positive cannot be identified due to privacy of medical information, which is not allowed to be released.

Nancy reiterated the need for all community members to stay home if they even begin to feel sick and have any symptoms that could be related to COVID and complete the symptom reporting form. Nancy indicated that contact tracing commences as soon as that report comes

into EHS. This allows resources to be focused on additional cleaning and to notify any individuals who may have come into contact with the individual. Early reporting is the best way to ensure that every effort is made to avoid transmission on campus.

Since March, there have been a total of 7 cases of COVID on campus among faculty and staff. None of the cases were acquired on campus and none of the cases resulted in further transmission.

Information #5 Athur Ullett noted that he will be stepping down as union president for CUPE910 to pursue a new opportunity at the university.

Q1 – A member asked what system is to be used to report COVID symptoms? Nancy indicated that it is the same system that should be used for symptoms and positive cases <https://carleton.ca/covid19/covid-19-symptom-reporting/>.

Q2 – A member asked about the active screening and how it is going? Nancy indicated that the screening is going well. The screening at Res Commons will come onboard in the very near future. Tony indicated that there is a learning curve as new people come in to conduct the active screening and further training will be provided to ensure that screeners are applying the correct interpretations. Campus Safety is working to provide a more consistent staffing to ensure consistent interpretations.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment