

**Carleton University
Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #17 – December 16, 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.

Tony provided an update indicating that the situation has been stable in the Ottawa area. However, the GTA has been experiencing an expansion of the restrictions. Ottawa is currently in the Orange category on the province's guidelines. There is concern that the holidays may result in Ottawa having to be moved into the Red category.

Updated communications will be sent out with what to expect if the restrictions are expanded, specifically the communication will be sent out to those areas of the community that would be further restricted as a result of expanded COVID restrictions/orders being issued.

If the Ottawa community is put into a Lockdown protocol, this could impact all research.

A communication was sent out to all contractors to ensure that the sites are in compliance with all COVID protocols and guidelines. The university has asked that all contractors re-enforce their policies regarding COVID compliance.

Information#2. Nancy discussed the face to face pilot projects.

A total of 9 face to face projects have been approved to date. These experiential learning opportunities for undergraduate students would have some limited face to face activity. There are 5 in engineering, 4 in science and 2 more proposals have been received from FASS.

The pilots are being used as an opportunity to examine how face to face learning could look like for the summer and fall semesters.

Q1 – Question was raised about communication updates if a Lockdown order is issued?

Communication updates will be sent out if there are any changes to the Ottawa area zone as all activity could stop unless there is a medical impact in a Lockdown protocol.

Information#3. Nancy indicated that the inspection of the maintenance building was completed yesterday. The areas in Minto still need to be inspected, committee members will discuss a schedule.

Information#4. Updated communications were sent to students regarding the accessibility of tunnels in the residence precinct. Students are to limit use of the tunnels only in the residence precinct, the rest of the tunnels are off limits.

Q2 – Question raised if additional communication will be sent out as students are still using the other parts of the tunnels. Updated communications will be sent out in the new year to remind students of the limited access to the tunnels.

Open for Questions

Q3. Athletics staff is concerned regarding the number of individuals coming in without a facemask and if there is an opportunity to offer a mask and/or shield? The staff may offer up a shield and/or mask but they are not to try to force anyone to wear a mask or shield.

Q4. Has any communication being provided to students regarding what to do if they travel for the holidays? A discussion is being held to see what sort of communication may be sent out. All students have been provided messaging if they travel outside of the country. There are no local government protocols regarding local travel during the holidays.

Q5. Questions raised about the COVID signage as it may be confusing to some individuals? All of the CU signage is in accordance with the protocols put out by provincial regulations. The wording varies between the buildings that are publicly accessible and those that are not.

Next meeting(s)

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment