Carleton University
Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #31 – August 11, 2021
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 on the Return To Campus activities

- 1. Campus is preparing for a return to Phase 3 as of August 23 with all departments who support student activities.
- 2. The staff that falls into Phase 4 will return later in the fall, the exact dates remain undetermined.
- 3. The government has provided new guidance to remove some COVID restrictions. The City has reported excellent metrics, so is able to remove 2 out of 3 constraints to return to normal but the province is only able to clear 1 out of 3.
- 4. FMP has just about completed all checks of the building systems and new hand sanitizer stations have been installed across campus.
- 5. The Ambassador program will be in place to educate all members of the community about guidelines in place.
- 6. New vaccination policy has been implemented, vaccination is mandatory for all high-risk activities including music, athletics and living in residence.
- 7. The university will be launching CU Screen, a new COVID screening app. The new app is better equipped to handle the data volume generated by the CU community for daily screening results.
- 8. David Hunt provided the committee with information on CuWorksafe for inspections. The link for the presentation is as follows: https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/f58b93ce-68b4-42ff-909d-11402b4d4cf3

Questions:

Q1 – If an athlete goes to the university centre and then goes back to athletics will they need to conduct the full screening all over again? No, the QR code should be sufficient. The CUScreen app will provide a history of where the athlete has attended.

Q2 – Will CU be in line with the University of Ottawa mandatory vaccinations? The UofO has enacted a mandatory policy but there are no checks in place as the verification is self-declaratory. The CUScreen app will have better tracking and process for those unvaccinated individuals including locations of vaccination clinics and the advantages of getting vaccinated. There is increasing pressure on the government to come out with a mandatory vaccination requirement.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 10:00 AM, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment