

**Carleton University
Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #33 – September 8, 2021
Microsoft Teams, 10:00 am**

The Executive Director ORM, 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. Students are back to in-person classes as of today.
2. Newly implemented Vaccination Policy is based on recommendations of the Medical Officers of Health of the province of Ontario and Ottawa Public Health. Anytime a public health officer makes a recommendation, the university has to adopt the recommendation, this is the basis of how the university has developed its policies regarding vaccination requirements.
3. Any individual accessing campus by October 15, 2021 will need to be fully vaccinated, those with exemptions will need to be tested every 72 hours.
4. Carleton has implemented new screening software, cuScreen. This will allow individuals to screen before arriving on campus. The cuScreen portal will allow individuals to scan QR codes to check in and check out of area on campus. The cuScreen software also enables individuals to input their vaccination status. For individuals without a mobile phone, the screening can be completed using desktop computers, and a paper version is also available. There is a benefit to the community when all members follow the procedures and scan into locations. Should there be an outbreak, the QR code information will allow the university to conduct proper contact tracing by either Health & Counselling Services, EHS or Ottawa Public Health.
5. Messaging will be coming out in the next few days asking everyone to upload their vaccination documentation. This will allow the university to gain some statistics and will save individuals time in having to upload the vaccination documents when actually returning to campus.
6. There is a process to apply for vaccination exemptions. There are only 2 bases for exemptions: human rights code for religious reasons, and secondly for medical reasons. All applications will be reviewed and individuals are being responded to accordingly.
7. There are vaccination clinics available on campus. Please consult the Health and Counselling Services website for more information. For those individuals who require rapid testing, Health and Counselling Services is offering rapid testing appointments. The appointment can be made through cuScreen.
8. The Ambassador Program has been implemented. There are additional ambassadors in high traffic flow buildings.

Questions:

Q1 – How do we obtain a QR code for a teaching space? Submit the request to covidinfo@cunet.carleton.ca, please copy Sal Ugarte at sal.ugarte@cunet.carleton.ca . If there is no specific QR code at the teaching space, individuals are asked to scan the QR code on the building entrance.

Q2 – For teachers who teach online do they need to upload their documents? The university is encouraging everyone to upload their documents to ensure that there are adequate resources available.

Q3 – Can you apply for an exemption through cuScreen? The completion of the attestation will allow the individual to then submit the exemption.

Q4 – Is there signage missing on some buildings? Some of the signage has been removed, specifically for occupancy limits in elevators. The university's policy on mask wearing in all public spaces has resulted in some signage now not being as necessary.

Q5 – What is the current rules for students in the tunnels? The university has put in a restriction on the tunnels. The only individuals who should be in the tunnels are those individuals who must travel in the tunnels for work requirements, or who have an accommodation. All such individuals have been provided a tunnel pass. Students are allowed access to the tunnels in the residence precinct so they access The Caf. Any students using tunnels beyond that is not allowed, communication has been sent to students. The university will monitor the situation and advise Campus Safety to assist if the situation continues.

Q6 – Who do we contact if someone is circumventing the check-in requirements? Mention it to your supervisor. Please feel free to reach out to Debbie Orme Rego directly for further information if the individual is a staff member.

Q7 – Is there someone collecting data on where students are gathering? The QR codes provide reports on where people are gathering. A follow up question asked if the data could be shared for research purposes. This will be reviewed once details are known.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment