

**Carleton University
Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #34 – September 22, 2021
Microsoft Teams, 10:00 am**

The Director EHS, Nancy Delcellier, chaired the meeting
Given the special nature of the meeting, quorum was not required (although it was attained).

Information #1. Nancy provided an update on the Return to Campus activities

1. New regulatory changes are effective September 22nd. These require people to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status to access certain businesses and settings. The most significant impact to the university is to Athletics and Dining Services, as individuals will now need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination in order to access these locations. Additional supports are being implemented to ensure that students are able to access campus in light of these changes to the vaccination protocols.
2. New communication issued today by the university provided updates on current and planned initiatives.
3. The university has a 98.6% vaccination rate for all staff and faculty who are working on campus while the student vaccination rate is 98.3% for on campus students.
4. The university will be verifying the vaccination documentation submitted to ensure that documents are authentic.

Questions:

Q1 – Have protocols for tunnel access changed? No, the protocols have not changed, tunnel access remains restricted. Only those authorized by virtue of their work or for accessibility reasons, and provided with a tunnel pass from EHS, are permitted to utilize the tunnel space.

Q2 – Is Campus Safety checking the tunnels? Campus Safety is checking the tunnels as resources allow but there is currently a shortage of resources to ensure consistent checking of the tunnels. The Ambassadors will also check the tunnels and we will look to have them installed at high entry points into the tunnels for the coming winter months.

Q3 – Why was a symptomatic person turned away from the on-campus testing clinic? The clinic provided by Health and Counselling for testing is to test those individuals with exemptions or those individuals completing their second dose and are asymptomatic. Individuals who have symptoms are to report to the testing clinic at Brewer Park, as per all previous communications.

Q4 – I have a student who just emailed me saying they received their 2nd dose and are not feeling well since the shot and are still not feeling well. Should I advise them to fill out the cuScreen reporting?

Yes, they are to complete the cuScreen symptom reporting form. In addition, any individuals who have symptoms are to report to the testing clinic at Brewer Park.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 7, 2021, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment