

**Carleton University - Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #37– November 17, 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. The vaccination rates are quite high. Tony will provide exact numbers but estimated in the 97-98% range for both the students and the staff/faculty groups.
2. A few people have been identified as having submitted fraudulent vaccination documents. Carleton is following up with those individuals to confirm their vaccination status. In case of visitors, their access to campus has been revoked. It is a criminal offence to misrepresent vaccination status.
3. The vaccination clinics have ended on campus. Vaccinations are readily accessible across the city and individuals are encouraged to seek vaccination there. Testing is on-going. Flu vaccination clinics have also ended, the City will be starting flu clinics this month.
4. The Senate has approved the plan for a return to campus this winter that will include more students back on campus. The schedule is still being refined to provide more opportunities for students to attend in-person classes. The recent spike in COVID numbers may require an adjustment of the schedule.
5. There have been a few COVID cases on campus in the past month. The active count of cases within our community is being updated daily on the university's COVID website.

Information #2. Nancy provided the following update

6. Tunnel access continues to be restricted while ventilation upgrades are ongoing. The supply chain constraints have prolonged the project and work is ongoing. Tunnel access is available for those individuals with necessary work and mobility needs.

Questions:

1. Will outside users who have supplied fraudulent documents be identified? Those departments that were affected by the fraudulent documentation are being notified directly. If you haven't heard it means that it did not occur in your area.

2. How are fraudulent documents identified? In one instance, an anonymous tip was provided regarding a few individuals. Closer examination of the documents confirmed that the documents were tampered with. In another case, the vaccination dates did not line up within accepted practices, also the vaccination doses were of different brands but same bottle, and the vaccination location did not make sense. In other instances, we have received Stars Wars pictures as proof of vaccination.

3. Will the student return to campus be full return to in-person? The goal is to increase capacity up to 50% which will allow for an increased capacity in some classrooms and labs but the return to campus is still limited compared to full in-person unrestricted access.

5. Members from the Post-doctorates union are enquiring about using the tunnels. Tunnels will remain closed to the general population until all of the required ventilation upgrades are completed.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment