

**Carleton University - Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership  
COVID-19 Update Meeting #40 – December 22, 2021  
Microsoft Teams, 3:30 pm**

The Executive Director ORM, Tony Lackey, chaired the meeting.

Given the special nature of the meeting, quorum was not required, although it was attained.

**Tony's Remarks:**

1. The university will close as of December 20<sup>th</sup> until January 31<sup>st</sup> for activities that can be done remotely. The university will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>. All non-required activities should be completed remotely unless it is a necessary activity that must be completed on campus. For those that visit campus, it is very important that all individuals continue to use cuScreen. Buildings will remain open until December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm to allow individuals to collect their belongings to work remotely from home for the month of January. If building access is needed during the closure, access will be given through your swipe card, or individuals will need to contact Campus Safety for assistance to access.
2. Athletics and the Library are closed until January 9<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping there will not be an extended closure. For updated information on buildings, individuals can visit the COVID-19 website and navigate to the building updates page.
3. Dining will slowly reopen in January with Tim Hortons in Richcraft reopening on January 5<sup>th</sup> and Starbucks in residence reopening on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The first meals in the cafeteria for students returning to campus will be supper on January 9<sup>th</sup> with takeout options only. Oasis in residence will also offer late night operations.
4. Mail delivery is on hold until further notice. Individuals can schedule their mail pickup with Mail Services. If using couriers, Individuals should arrange for deliveries to their homes or alternative locations with the courier.
5. Working under the regulations set out Ottawa Public Health and the province, the bookstore will remain open to allow students to purchase textbooks for winter courses. The Print Shop is open with appointments. The university is currently working under the regulations set out by the government and Ottawa Public Health and are subject to change.
6. There have been new directions implemented from Ottawa Public Health for isolation. As result of the difficulty to find testing, if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, individuals should isolate for 10 days. It is important that everyone tries to get their 3<sup>rd</sup> dose as soon as possible. Ontario is hoping to get most 3<sup>rd</sup> doses administered by the end of March 2022.

**Nancy's Remarks:**

1. The Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) team will continue to work over the holidays and look at symptom reporting forms as well as cuScreen submissions.
2. There have been recent changes that if you have kids and they are identified as a close contact, this will also impact parents in self isolation. If the child is experiencing symptoms, the parents must also self-isolate.
3. If individuals are having testing done for COVID-19, please notify EHS as soon as possible.

**Questions:**

1. **Will access request forms need to be completed to visit campus?** No, we are reminding individuals to complete the mandatory cuScreen upon arriving at campus. If you do not have access to your building or lab, you will need to request access through Campus Safety.

2. **How many students are in residence? Will there be a full return to residence in the Winter semester?** January 9<sup>th</sup> is up to the students discretion if they want to return however we have advised students to not come back in the beginning of January. Some students do not have anywhere to go, so access will be granted to these individuals. As of today, there are roughly 220 students in residence over the holidays. There are about 2500 students in residence for the winter semester, however final numbers have not been determined as we are still waiting on updates if students are cancelling or delaying their arrivals.
3. **Issues with email updates with regards to access to buildings and COVID-19 updates was raised.** We strongly recommend checking the COVID-19 information website for information on the current situation and closures.
4. **Will Health Services conduct a booster clinic?** There is a slim chance due to a supply issue. Public health is currently conducting their own clinics throughout the university. Boosters that took place today were for mandatory staff working on campus on the front line such as FMP, Health and Counselling Services and residence.

#### **Next meeting**

This is the last meeting before the winter holidays. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

#### **Adjournment**