

Carleton University
Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #32 – August 25, 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. The government has extended Stage 3 of the recovery plan. No changes to the Carleton community. The university's Phase 3 groups and departments have returned to campus as of August 23, 2021.
2. The university issued an email on August 24, regarding recommendations from the council of medical professional of health, requiring all student, staff, faculty and visitors to be vaccinated for all on and off campus university activities. All individuals must attest to receiving a first dose by September 8 and second dose by October 15. Information provided on vaccination clinics is also provided. Any individual who is not able to be vaccinated due to a medical or Human Rights ground can request an exemption. All exempted individuals or those waiting for doses will be subject to rapid testing on campus. Any unvaccinated individuals will otherwise not be able to come to campus.
3. Carleton has implemented a new screening software, CU Screen, the app can be downloaded and utilized by the community. This will allow individuals to screen before arriving on campus. The CU Screen app will allow individuals to scan QR codes to check in and check out of area on campus. The CU Screen software also allows individuals to input their vaccination status. For individuals without a mobile phone, the screening can be completed using desktop computers; a paper version is also available.
4. Carleton has rolled out the CU Screen Ambassador Program to assist and educate the community on public health requirements and assisting with screening and scanning of QR codes.
5. All information is available on the university's COVID website.

Information #2. Nancy provided the following

1. The Return To Campus Working Group is offering consultation sessions on August 26 and 27, individuals can register on the university's COVID website.
2. The university's COVID website provides instructions on how to use the QR codes.
3. Individuals who fail the CU Screening due to an error are asked to re-do the screening. If an individual has a reason for failing, they will be asked to complete a Symptom Reporting Form.

Questions:

Q1 – Do contract instructors need permission to return to campus? No permission is required to come back to campus, individuals will need to follow the screening and vaccination requirements and complete all required training in Brightspace.

Q2 – Are graduate students allowed to use their offices if they are not on a research resumption plan?
The space needs to be prepared as per the return to campus plan, but no special request needs to be made to the department. All individuals are subject to training, screening and vaccination requirements.

Q3 – Is parking still free? As of September 1, visitor parking will be re-instated along with enforcement. All previous parking arrangements will be the same as they were prior to COVID. Individuals are asked to contact Parking Services to make any parking changes.

Q4 – What is the university doing in terms of weekly rapid testing? The university has retained additional staff at Health and Counselling Services and is using BD Veritor Rapid Test kits.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment