

**Carleton University - Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #44 – March 2, 2022
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.

Tony's Remarks:

1. The university has made the decision to continue with the current policies including the Vaccination Policy, Mask Policy. Although the province has lessened some mandates, we will continue to have our own procedures and policies in place until the end of term. Suzanne Blanchard the COVID-19 Lead, shared an announcement on February 24th which outlined the ongoing requirements on campus.
2. Vaccination requirements continue to be two vaccines to be permitted on campus. The definition of "fully vaccinated" has not been changed.
3. The mask policy is still in place following Ontario's requirements. Masks are required in public areas and where individuals cannot physically distance 2 metres apart.
4. CuScreen and the Ambassador Program will stay in place until end of term. CuScreen is still required to be on campus, including providing vaccination status and symptom reporting.
5. Access to the tunnels is still restricted and only available for those that need it for accessibility, or work related purposes. If you require a pass, contact the Office of Risk Management.
6. We are continuing to implement our gradual return to campus. Phase 4 departments will continue to return to campus as per their Return to Work plans. Any staff with questions should reach out to their managers.
7. All international travel is now permitted. The federal government has removed their advisory against non-essential travel now allowing travellers to travel at their own risk. On the student front, it is required that students complete a Risk Assessment Questionnaire Checklist to advise the university of their travel plans. This checklist is also open to faculty and staff, however, is not mandatory.
8. Capacity within research labs has been increased to 50% of the room capacity for instructional purposes. When determining this, removing the minimum of 2 metres space requirement was reviewed.
9. The COVID-19 information website includes a document outlining Safe Meeting Protocols including a form for submitting events for approval. Events on campus are being limited to up to 60 people. Any events over 60 individuals will be reviewed by Return to Campus (RTC) on a case-by-case basis.
10. The Return to Campus Committee (RTC) monitors the situations on and off campus and will continue to make recommendations to Senior Management. Changes will be made as necessary as we continue to take a conservative approach to avoid any further restrictions.

Nancy's Remarks:

1. There is a second walk-in clinic held by Ottawa Public Health for COVID-19 vaccines on March 2nd in Res Commons 270 from 1:00-7:00 pm.
2. If in contact with someone who was COVID-19 positive, if you do not live with the individual, you are asked to self-monitor. Isolation is only required if you live with the COVID positive individual. Individuals are still required to submit symptom reporting through cuScreen.

Questions:

1. **Can you confirm that daily screening using cuScreen is still needed?** Yes if you are on campus, you need to complete cuScreen.
2. **Should students get their Dean's approval to commence in-person research?** The Dean's approval is not needed, however the Student Event Risk Management Form will need to be completed. All student groups were sent an email outlining the new student risk form and platform.
3. **Do students need their Dean's approval for travel?** No, not unless the Dean specifies their approval is needed. The rule around student travel has been lifted.
4. **Do in-person events that are on campus/off campus require approval?** Yes.
5. **Is providing proof of 2 vaccines or 3 vaccines required for international travel?** The federal government has not changed their definition and states that 2 of the approved vaccines are needed for travel into Canada.
6. **Has there been any follow-up on the bus stop that is crowded with students?** It has been confirmed there is signage at both bus stops indicating physical distancing rule to be followed.
7. **Have faculty members had their status reset to non-frequent travellers since there has been limited travel for 2 years?** We are unsure however this will be confirmed by a committee member.
8. **Have there been capacity changes to instructional spaces or meeting rooms?** Instructional spaces were increased 50% capacity for the winter term. Meeting room capacity has not changed and requires 2 m distance.
9. **How do we find out what the pre-COVID capacity was for a research space?** Please forward any room or space inquiries to Nancy. Kristine Nadon's group is sorting through space restrictions.
10. **Is there an update on the air and water quality testing on campus?** This will be discussed in our regular JHSC meeting in March. There is indication that the report may be delayed due to unforeseen circumstances by technical staff.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment