

**Carleton University - Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #48 – May 11, 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. Tony will be retiring June 30th, 2022. Peter Leland, the Office of Risk Management Executive Director Designate will be stepping in to fill Tony's place as Co-Chair as of July 1.
2. Most restrictions were suspended May 1. The mask requirement remains in effect while we continue to monitor the situation. Although there are a few challenges, overall the observation is people are compliant. The notification that was shared May 1 by email as well as on the Carleton website described processes for noncompliance with masks within the community. If individuals are choosing not to comply, Campus Safety should be called to enforce the policy. General Counsel has compared this policy to other compliance policies such as the smoking policy.
3. If experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, individuals are required to use the symptom reporting tool within cuScreen. This will allow proper follow up by Environmental Health and Safety (for faculty and staff) as well as Health and Counselling (for students).
4. Case numbers are currently low for campus. As of May 10th, there were no cases in residence, and 12 positive or probable cases for faculty and staff. These numbers are based on those who are completing their symptom reporting through cuScreen.
5. RTC meetings are still ongoing discussing what the fall semester will look like. A lot of topics are under discussion. It is hard to predict what the outcome will be in the fall.
6. With convocations being held in June, safety precautions are being implemented.

Nancy's Remarks:

1. Further to what Tony has said about cases, the numbers for wastewater are also trending down.
2. The last spike in cases was during the weekend that students moved out from residence due to parents coming in to assist with the move out. Numbers are beginning to taper off.

Linda's Remarks:

1. For the summer semester, there are around 260 students living in residence. This number is much lower than the thousands that live in residence during the academic year. This will help keep case numbers low during the summer.

Questions/Comments:

1. **A student contacted a member yesterday saying that they were positive. This member told them to complete the COVID-19 Self-Assessment so they would fail, and this would notify the university. Is this the correct process?** Those who are testing positive should complete the symptom reporting form because this will prompt them to input their contact information.
2. **Are we still on track with the tunnels opening at the beginning of June?** Yes, we are still expecting the tunnels to open for June. There is a possibility they could open before then.

3. **What was done to the tunnels to make them now safe for use?** The ventilation was not adequate. When driving on University Drive you can notice there was a fan installed above the tunnel. Numerous places on campus have added mechanical ventilation to the tunnel infrastructure.
4. The switchover for seasonal cooling went well. We are trying to improve our speed so we will be ready for temperature fluctuations.

The next COVID JHSC meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment