

**Carleton University - Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #49 – May 25, 2022
Microsoft Teams, 10:00 am**

Nancy Delcellier, chaired the meeting.

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

Nancy's Remarks:

1. Nancy asked the committee how everyone is doing after the storm.
 - a. Carleton wasn't badly affected by the storm. There was minor damage. Cleanup effort has been completed.
 - b. The university did not lose power, so operated as usual and remained open to provide electricity and showers for the Carleton community that did not have this at home.
 - c. Sal Ugarte's team will be conducting a debrief for the storm to discuss emergency preparedness. If anyone has any comments or feedback they would like added, please send to Nancy Delcellier.
2. As discussed last meeting on May 11, most of the Carleton restrictions were lifted May 1, with the mask requirement staying in effect. We did not identify an end date for the mask policy, to allow for flexibility.
 - a. We have few reports of individuals not wearing masks, but we only received those notes the first week or so of classes. Messages have been shared with those not wearing masks and the situations have been handled.
 - b. With the Ambassador Program being discontinued, large sandwich boards advising that masks are required have been placed in the entrances of the following buildings,
 1. Loeb (3rd Floor)
 2. Southam (3rd Floor)
 3. University Centre (1st Floor)
 4. Tory (3rd Floor)
 5. Minto Case (2nd Floor)
 6. Residence Commons (1st Floor)
 7. Athletics / Alumni Hall (1st Floor)
 8. Richcraft (1st Floor)
 9. Canal (2nd Floor)
 10. Robertson (2nd Floor)
 11. Nicol (2nd Floor)
 12. Ice House (1st Floor)
3. Wastewater results are showing very low viral numbers across campus. We currently have approximately 200 individuals in residence. It is difficult to get a sense of how many staff are currently on campus as the screening requirements have been removed. Campus has shown the lowest case numbers in quite some time with only 5 positive cases.
4. Nancy reminded the committee to please get their vaccination boosters as they become available as well as report on the Symptom Reporting form if experiencing symptoms and having recently visited campus.
5. The Return to Campus (RTC) committee continues to meet and monitor the situation for the summer semester. They are ready to adapt as needed.

6. With convocation around the corner, a comprehensive plan has been made so individuals on campus have all of the necessary prevention measures in place to decrease the potential of a super spreader event.

Questions/Comments:

1. Rodney's Food truck is open for 3 hours a day and specials are shared on social media to keep everyone up to date. The Caf is open to everyone not just students.
2. **Why did the university not close yesterday as result of the storm?** Since the university did not lose power, it remained open to offer the Carleton community services such as water and electricity.
3. **Can the 4th dose of the COVID-19 booster be added to cuScreen?** No, this isn't currently supported in cuScreen.
4. A comment was made that some faculty members with disabilities were delighted there will be masks at convocation. The university will be offering level 3 medical masks and KN95s during convocation.
5. **Are there any updates on the tunnels?** We are still hoping to return into regular operations in June however an exact date has not been determined. We are currently waiting for the engineers to sign off on some of the units.
6. **If tunnel access remains restricted, can the university assure people with disabilities that there will be shuttles offered?** The university will not be offering shuttles. The entrances remain accessible from the outdoors.

The next COVID JHSC meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 10:00 AM**, Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment