

**Carleton University - Joint Health and Safety Committee and Union Leadership
COVID-19 Update Meeting #50 – June 8, 2022
Microsoft Teams, 10:30 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. Tunnels are opening on June 13. This was shared in the Top 5 today, June 8th and in a community email from the President on June 7th.
2. In terms of masks, we are waiting to see what the requirement will be in healthcare settings. This is due to sunset on June 11th however will likely be extended in the healthcare sector. There has been a lot of advocating from the healthcare sector to keep this in place. Carleton's policy around masks remains and is being consistently evaluated.
3. Convocation ceremony starts next Monday, June 13th. It is mandatory that masks are worn to avoid a super spreader event. Our goal is to keep everyone safe.
4. No new reports of individuals refusing to wear a mask. JHSC members indicated they had been observing approximately 50% mask usage on campus.
5. The June 22nd meeting will be cancelled since the Office of Risk Management will be busy with an audit and others will be busy supporting convocation. COVID numbers will be shared in replacement of the June 22nd meeting. Our next meeting will be the regular JHSC meeting on June 29th.

Questions/Comments:

1. **What are the COVID-19 numbers?** 5 individuals are self-isolating. Most cases don't have a confirmed test, but they are staying home. Our COVID-19 wastewater numbers remain very low.
2. For convocation, the graduates will continue to be piped in by bagpipers as per tradition. The pipers will need to do a COVID test every morning they are at convocation since they will be the only attendees permitted to not wear masks.
3. **Has there been any work on a planned sunset on masking requirements? We are noticing there hasn't been any communication made to anyone on this.** In terms of sunseting the policy, we want to first get through convocation and continue to monitor the situation.
4. **We have read about new variants in the newspaper. What will you be doing this summer to monitor this? How will you keep atop of new variants?** The RTC (Return to Campus Committee) meets regularly. Members of the RTC continue to leverage their connections and monitor for news relating to COVID-19 and variants.
5. **Months ago it was mentioned that there would be a debrief of the Carleton response to the pandemic. Will this still occur?** Our office is responsible for emergency management and documenting lessons learned is part of that responsibility. Our Emergency Management and Continuity of Operations team is working on this.
6. **Have we heard anything about monkeypox?** The Office of Risk Management is continuing to monitor the situation, is aware that the government has identified certain locations as a higher risk and will communicate if there is a need to modify travel.

The next JHSC meeting will be our regular quarterly meeting on **Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 9:00 AM** in person in Dunton Tower. A Teams meeting option will be available for those not able to meet in person.

Adjournment