

## RE: School openings

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Sent: May 15, 2020 12:38:45 PM PDT

Thank you Sarah,  
We have been discussing the modelling and the strategies that we can use particularly come September.  
My best,  
Bonnie

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From: Sarah Otto [mailto:otto@zoology.ubc.ca]  
Sent: May 15, 2020 12:21 PM  
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Cc: epidserv@bccdc.ca  
Subject: School openings

Dear Minister Adrian Dix and Dr. Bonnie Henry,

I've been helping a team of modellers working to support the BC effort to understand COVID dynamics (I am a mathematical biologist at UBC).

Regarding school openings, rather than alternating days, our modelling suggests that alternating weeks for the students would lead to lower risks (with children in the same family going the same week). Because infected individuals do not start shedding for a few days, children are unlikely to get infected and transmit the virus within the same week that they are at school. Then, with 10 days before they next come back to school, there is more time for symptoms to appear within affected families, who would be required to stay home. With half the children coming each week, densities would remain low at the schools, reducing risk of transmission.

We also recommend fever checks on the Monday for all children returning to school that week.

These recommendations are also in line with those found recently by a group in Israel (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/11/opinion/coronavirus-reopen.html>).

Sincerely, Sally Otto

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## RE: Heads up re: PHO feedback

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Sent: June 18, 2020 8:50:24 AM PDT

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Thank you Sarah for bringing this to our attention.<sup>s.13</sup>  
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Very happy to discuss further. Brian, one request that has come forward is a clarification to the mass gathering order. In particular, the difference between one-time gatherings without safety protocols versus regular ones.

Thanks,

Reka

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**From:** Henderson, Sarah [BCCDC]  
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**Cc:** Emerson, Brian [EXT]  
**Subject:** Re: Heads up re: PHO feedback

Thanks, Bonnie –

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Agree that we are learning as we go, and that there's no value in unrealistic guidance. The SOWG has been trying to keep things we develop and review practicable and evidence-based. <sup>s.13</sup>

s.13 Would appreciate the opportunity to have this group meet and discuss.

Thanks,

Sarah

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Hi Sarah,  
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Regardless we should absolutely ensure we are all on the same page so there are not mixed messages. I have seen <sup>s.13</sup> and we are all learning as we go so we can revise and update when we find these.  
My best,  
Bonnie

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Hi all –

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Can we find a time for this group to meet and discuss? The sooner the better.

Thanks,

Sarah

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Hi Sarah. FYI, we received some feedback from Dr. Gustafson on the draft Post-secondary Go-Forward Guidelines. s.13

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We are meeting with Dr. Gustafson this afternoon to discuss.

Best,

**Jeanne M. Sedun**, BA, BEd, MDiv



## RE: UBC Medical Health Officer Contacts

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Hello Jeanne and all , there has been a change in the IH Central Okanagan Medical Health Officer (MHO). The MHOs responsible for this area are now Dr. Kamran Golmohammadi and Dr. Albert De Villiers copied here, not me. I have updated the table below to reflect this change.

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**Subject:** UBC Medical Health Officer Contacts

Greetings Rae Ann,

The Provincial Health Office has kindly confirmed the names and contact information of the local Medical Health Officers for UBC's campuses: Dr. Michael Schwandt (Vancouver Coastal Health Authority) and Dr. Silvina Mema (Interior Health Authority). Their contact information is below, and they are copied on this email.

To ensure UBC receives the most current COVID-19 public health guidance, you should work with your local Medical Health Officers regarding the development of effective infection prevention and exposure control measures, and compliance with any new orders or guidance issued by the Provincial Health Officer.

<b>Vancouver Coastal Health Authority</b>
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<b>Dr. Michael Schwandt</b>
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Best regards,

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## FW: in-person classes for summer session 2021 (May-August)

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Sent: November 5, 2020 12:00:54 PM PST  
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Hi Bonnie,

Please see the e-mail below from Dr. Pam Ratner, the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Enrolment and Academic Facilities at UBC. I've been working with Dr. Ratner since the beginning of the pandemic. UBC has a specific request for you to support the safe return to some in-person instruction at UBC in the Summer session. Please see below a specific challenge around the 2 metre distancing. <sup>s.13</sup>  
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Many thanks,

Reka

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**From:** Ratner, Pam [mailto:Pam.Ratner@ubc.ca]  
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Dear Dr. Gustafson,

As you know, UBC is starting to make plans for summer session 2021 (May-August). It might seem early to be thinking about it now, but there is much to do administratively, including communications, to plan for an academic session. We would like to have more in-person instruction occur, especially now that international students can enter Canada. In particular, there are some courses that cannot be taught on line, such as chemistry lab courses. If we don't start offering these courses soon, it will be difficult to clear the backlog given our limited undergraduate teaching lab facilities. This undoubtedly will prolong students' programs and interfere with enrolment in future years.

We would like other courses to be taught in person, as well. Our first-year students, in particular, are finding it very challenging to learn online and I worry for their well-being.

In our planning, we've run into several challenges; the most significant being that many people believe that with a 2-metre physical distance recommendation in place, we cannot have more students on campus. The Deans and others are confused about the 2-metre distance requirement. The public is reminded daily to avoid close contact with others while the post-secondary sector guidelines are silent on the matter (i.e., they do not state 2 metres). The mismatch is difficult to interpret without clear public health direction.

To clarify the issue for faculty, staff, students and parents, is it possible for Dr. Henry and the Minister of Health to explain that the 2-metre physical distance requirement does not apply to classroom instruction for postsecondary

institutions, if that is indeed the case? Would it be possible for them to advise that the 2m spacing does not apply to post-secondary classroom instruction because we have robust safety plans in place and will assign students to seating to limit their number of unique contacts while in class?

Without this type of clear direction, I don't think that we have a way forward. We are working closely with Vancouver Coastal Health, and they have been extraordinarily helpful. Drs. Daly and Schwandt, in particular, have worked with us throughout the pandemic, and they have been readily available, knowledgeable, and supportive as we have developed our safety plans and dealt with the odd confirmed or presumed case or the need for contact tracing. We couldn't ask for better support.

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Thank you for your ongoing support and guidance. We are forever grateful.  
All the best,

Pam

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## RE: For Awareness: UBC Rapid Testing Pilot

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Sent: January 22, 2021 5:08:07 PM PST  
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Hi Amanda.

I got a bit more information from Min Advanced Ed (below) and have contact information for someone at UBC so will get some additional info. I am particularly curious because seeing post-secondary students return to in-person classes in the fall is an important priority so will be interested to know if this could be helpful. Will let you know once I get more info.

### **Background on Rapid Testing Pilot Project at UBC**

UBC has representation on a Health Canada Industry Advisory Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Testing, where the value of targeted rapid testing is currently being examined. We have been provided an opportunity to participate in a surveillance [screening] pilot project for asymptomatic people that would utilize rapid testing kits to achieve test results within 15- 20 minutes of sample collection. The purpose of the pilot would be to test a proof of concept; that is, that in a congregate living setting, we could identify people who are carrying the virus while asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic, through rapid and repeated testing, and reduce the risk of transmission while maintaining rigorous safety measures, including physical distancing, mask wearing, self-isolation of those who have symptoms or tested positive.

Prior to agreeing to participate, UBC sought guidance on this initiative from our key partners at Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH). The Chief Medical Health Officer and her team are highly supportive, both in concept and in terms of being a practical liaison with the regional health authority system. The Office of the Provincial Health Officer convenes a provincial working group on rapid testing that is guiding coordination of pilot tests and application of rapid testing in various worksites. Thus, if UBC agrees to participate, there would be linkages established between Health Canada, the BC Ministry of Health (via the provincial working group) and Vancouver Coastal Health.

Thanks.

Brian

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**Subject:** RE: For Awareness: UBC Rapid Testing Pilot

I have asked about this and it is apparently a project with the federal government and UBC directly. They have been doing a number of these across the country. There was one in Alberta a few weeks ago that Alberts CMOH also knew nothing about.

Bonnie

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*I gratefully acknowledge that I live and work on the traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen Peoples, specifically the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations. Hay'sxw'qu Si'em*

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**Subject:** RE: For Awareness: UBC Rapid Testing Pilot

Thank you, Brian.

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Hi Amanda.

I can track down details.

Thanks.

Brian

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**Subject:** FW: For Awareness: UBC Rapid Testing Pilot

Hi Bonnie, Brian,

Can I get some background on this pilot? 😊

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**Subject:** For Awareness: UBC Rapid Testing Pilot

Hi Sean,

I hope your week is going well so far. I'm writing with a quick update that I wanted to ensure was on your radar.

In early February, UBC will be launching a rapid COVID testing pilot with students and staff in Orchard Commons (a first-year residence) where density has doubled this semester. It is a voluntary program that will provide asymptomatic testing, and there is a research component to this pilot as well. The rapid test kits are being provided by a provincial working group for rapid testing but I just wanted to ensure that this information had flowed through to you as it is my understanding that UBC will be the first post-secondary to participate in this pilot.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Kelsi

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## RE: UBC Rapid Testing Pilot Project

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Good Morning Dr. Emerson,

We would be more than happy to provide additional details on our pilot project in Orchard Commons.

We have a small leadership team that has been steering this project, a fantastic and dedicated Working Group that is in the middle of finalizing the details for the launch and a Research Group that is focused on a small research project. We have of course been working very closely with Dr. Michael Schwandt, our Vancouver Coastal Health Medical Health Officer, and Dr. Marc Romney who lead the rapid testing pilot at YVR.

Could we perhaps book a meeting so that we could present our pilot and answer any questions you may have? If this is acceptable please let me know who my EA should reach out to for scheduling. Otherwise we are happy to provide our *playbook* when we have finalized the details. Please let me know your preference.

Thank you for reaching out.

Rae Ann

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**Subject:** UBC Rapid Testing Pilot Project

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Hi RaeAnn.

I have been given your name as contact for a rapid COVID-19 testing pilot project with students and staff in Orchard Commons (a first-year residence) and am interested in more details. As I understand the idea is to test a proof of concept wrt to whether, through rapid and repeated testing, risk of transmission in congregate living settings could be reduced.

I am working with a group of representatives from public health and post-secondary institutions and this sounds like an interesting project that could be of assistance in helping these institutions move to more in-class activity.

Thanks.

Brian

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## Draft Letter to Post-Secondary Institutions

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Reka

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Hi Brian,

I reviewed the letter and made a few suggested edits for your consideration. I also included a few comments.

See attached.

Martin

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My best,  
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We are having ongoing meetings with PHAC border services on this issue with Advanced ed. Ian is leading these.  
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Thanks Everyone. Actually, I just spoke with UBC and their concern was about how the new border measures will be implemented for international students, so addressing this will be indeed helpful.

Thanks,  
Reka

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Thanks Bonnie, and thanks Martin for your earlier comments.

I will tidy up the draft and provide to the PSI reps for review/input, and copy you all with the next version.

Brian

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## FW: The call today at Noon

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Below is an overview of the agenda for the call at noon.

Brian

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Thanks Brian

Here is how the Post-secondary calls go with the DM:

- First 5 min spent organizing and ppl logging on – you'll hear us advising ppl to pls wait while others log on (we have about 35 individual connections – 25 PSIs, AEST exec's, etc)
- Shannon Baskerville will host and say a few (very short) opening remarks and introduce Dr. Henry – the purpose of today's mtg is to get them all on the same track re: collaborating on Fall term planning
- Then over to Dr Henry to say what she whatever messages she wants to deliver
- Then AEST will moderate any Q&A
- Then Dr Henry can sign off
- AEST may continue some discussion with the PSI presidents for the remainder of the time if there are things to discuss

Of interest – yesterday McGill announced they are back for in-person instruction in September – guaranteed UofT will follow shortly – UBC, SFU, UVic will be watching their eastern partners quite closely so this bodes well for messaging in BC to follow suit given that BC has done a far better job at controlling C-19 than Que & Ont.

[Return to on-campus activity in Fall 2021 | Office of the Provost and Vice-Principal \(Academic\) - McGill University](#)

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Hi Jeanne.

Feedback is the that the letter is very good, and provides a great basis for key messages that Bonnie will deliver on the call. Thanks for the revisions!

I have one minor suggestion, but will wait to send until after the call in case other ideas come up that need to be incorporated.

Proposed next steps also make sense.

Thanks again and looking forward to the call this afternoon.

Brian

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Hi Brian. Attached is an updated draft of the PHO letter to the PSI presidents that reflects feedback from the sector association presidents. Couple of things to flag for you:

- The draft was reframed in a way that we hope will resonate with the PSI presidents.
- The letter continues to highlight the importance of PSIs and the PHO working together, and also recognizes PSI work to date on continuing to deliver education while reducing COVID transmission.
- We're proposing that the details re: environmental cleaning be included in the COVID-19 Go-Forward Guidelines for BC's Post-secondary Sector.

Could the revised version work for Dr. Henry? Please let us know.

Here are some proposed next steps:

1. PHO feedback on updated draft letter from Feb 23
2. After PSI president mtg with PHO on Wed, Feb 24, check in with you and the 3 sector association presidents re: any additional revisions required
3. Sector association presidents to share updated draft letter with PSI presidents for feedback by Fri, Feb 26 (this will hopefully support PSI engagement + no surprises)
4. PHO finalizes letter and distributes on Fri, Feb 26 or Mon, Mar 1

Does this work for you? Please let me know if you'd like to connect today re: the draft letter or the proposed next steps.

Best,

**Jeanne M. Sedun**, BA, BEd, MDiv  
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## draft UBC safety plan framework documents

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Hi everyone,

I have been attending UBC's COVID-19 Campus Leadership Advisory Committee – I try to join the first half of this meeting on a weekly basis to focus on public health questions and leave the UBC administrative issues to the leaders involved.

In anticipation of a return to full on-campus activities as of Sept 2021, UBC is making plans to implement the BC Go-Forward Guidelines for post-secondary education (released 2021). Rather than having each program/building/etc develop their own plan, the UBC leadership group is aiming to create a relatively small number of consistent central plans -- I have supported this approach and advised on the content of the general frameworks, attached.

You may find these helpful for work with other campuses, and comments are welcome as the documents are still open for input.

Major parameters include classroom capacity (which will **not** be limited below normal pre-pandemic seating under these plans) and the use of masks in class (which **will** be required, in at least the fall term).

An important question raised by UBC today is whether students arriving from out-of-country will need to quarantine (UBC is assuming this will be required), and if student housing can be considered acceptable for quarantine purposes. It was noted that the three-day federal quarantine hotel requirement is a financial barrier for many students, and suggested that UBC could provide less expensive options if approved by the quarantine program.

Cheers,

Michael



Campus Spaces		Requirements
Controlled Spaces	Classrooms/Teaching Laboratories	Non-medical Masks required at all times (Exception- Instructors) Daily Health Assessment Hand Hygiene Complete Campus COVID-19 Training Students encouraged to sit in the same area
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	Field Activities	WorkSafeBC requirements Non-medical Masks not required if physically distanced Daily Health Assessment Attendance documented for all workspaces Hand Hygiene Complete Campus COVID-19 Training
	Other Sector Services	Follow appropriate sector guidelines
Uncontrolled Spaces	Common Areas and Public Realm	Physical distancing as much as possible Limit sustained contact Non-medical Masks Required Daily Health Assessment Hand Hygiene
	Informal Learning Spaces (Study Spaces)	Physical distancing as much as possible Limit sustained contact Non-medical Masks Required Daily Health Assessment Hand Hygiene Study space only, no loitering

**Definitions:**

*Controlled Work Spaces* – space generally assigned to a specific department for use by designated people/groups. Controlled work spaces are not generally open for non-users to access. Attendance in these locations can be tracked.

*Uncontrolled Spaces* – space that is not assigned to a specific department and COVID-19 controls are difficult to implement and monitor. Attendance in these locations are difficult to track.

*Common Areas* – These areas include stairways, hallways, atriums, public realm.

*Informal Learning Spaces (Study Spaces)* – These dedicated areas where students are able study and/or collaborate on course related projects

*Other Sector Services:* These areas follow provincial sector guidelines that may fall outside of the Academic scope. (Examples are: Retail, Residence, Childcare, Restaurants/Food Outlets, Athletics, etc.)

**List of Plans**

1. Classrooms/Teaching Laboratories
2. Offices/Administrative Areas
3. Workshops/Research Laboratories
4. Field Activities
5. Other Sector Services
6. Common Areas/Public Realm
7. Informal Learning Spaces (Study Spaces)



# COVID-19 Safety Plan

## Learning Spaces

### Scope and Rationale

UBC is committed to providing a healthy and safe learning environment. This safety plan details the COVID-19 measures and controls required for all UBC Vancouver learning spaces (classrooms and teaching labs).

### Respectful Environment

The University of British Columbia envisions a climate in which students, faculty and staff are provided with the best possible conditions for learning, researching and working, including an environment that is dedicated to excellence, equity and mutual respect. The University of British Columbia strives to realize this vision by establishing employment and educational practices that respect the dignity of individuals and make it possible for everyone to live, work, and study in a positive and supportive environment, free from harmful behaviours such as bullying and harassment.

Some people may not be able to wear a mask. Be kind rather than making assumptions about those you see without them. For those unable to wear a mask, singling them out in public can be socially isolating and lead to anxiety.

### Regulatory Context

Post-Secondary Go-Forward guidelines

### General measures

#### Daily Health Assessments

All students, faculty and staff taking part in in-person classes, or attending UBC premises for other reasons, must assess themselves daily for COVID-19 symptoms and follow the direction provided. Students are encouraged to use the BC Thrive Health self-assessment tool or the COVID-19 self-assessment tool in the UBC Safe Vancouver App.

#### Safety Concerns

Any concerns or questions can be sent to [ready.ubc@ubc.ca](mailto:ready.ubc@ubc.ca)

#### Student Health Resources

To support and enhance the health and wellbeing of all students, UBC offers a variety of health resources available to the campus community. Visit the Students Services website for further information.



### Emergency Procedures

Occupants are encouraged to review the wall mounted emergency procedure maps in hallways to familiarize themselves with local procedures. Physical distancing is not required in an emergency evacuation.

### Class Change

Students are expected to promptly exit the classroom upon the completion of their class. Students waiting for their class to commence must ensure the room has been fully vacated by the previous class before entering the room. Students waiting in common indoor areas must wear non-medical masks.

### Managing Contacts

Throughout campus, students, faculty and staff are expected to limit the number of close sustained contacts with others.

### Occupancy Numbers

Original room capacities will apply when combined with the use of non-medical masks.

## Measures to reduce the risk

### Cleaning and Hygiene

UBC Building Operations will provide enhanced cleaning once a day (usually evening) that will include wiping down of high touch surfaces (door handles, table tops, hand rails).

Everyone is encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water for 30 seconds, or make use of hand sanitizer stations. Hand sanitizer stations are available at building entrances and in corridors near learning spaces. Additionally, everyone is encouraged to carry their own hand sanitizer.

### Training

All students are required to complete the UBC COVID-19 course for students before returning to campus. All faculty and staff are required to complete the UBC COVID-19 course for employees before returning to campus.

### Signage

All occupants are required to follow signage in learning spaces.

### Seating

Students are encouraged to return to the same seating area to support any Public Health contact tracing efforts.



#### Non-medical Masks

Non-medical masks must be worn at all times in learning spaces. Students are able to remove their mask when eating or drinking if permissible in the learning space. Instructors may remove their mask if they are physically distant from students.

### COVID-19 exposures

#### COVID-19 Symptoms and Reporting COVID-19 Incidents

For individuals presenting COVID-19-like symptoms, the direction for students is to conduct a self-assessment and follow the direction provided. If required, follow your programs regular absence reporting procedure. Programs are encouraged to support students who are unable to attend in-person learning with remote learning options.

UBC COVID-19 exposure information can be found on the [SRS webpage](#)

#### Contact Tracing

Public Health is responsible for contact tracing. Further information about contact tracing may be found on the [Safety and Risk Services website](#).

### Communication Strategy

This Safety Plan will be posted on the Learning Spaces Website, UBC Vancouver Safe app and links to the plan will be included on posters and stickers in learning spaces.

### Acknowledgement

This Safety Plan has been reviewed and approved by xxxxx

## RE: PHO Feedback Requested by Noon on Mon, Apr 26/21 re: Updated COVID-19 Return-to-Campus Primer

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Hi everyone,

I had a meeting with a UBC leadership committee engaged with developing their COVID-19 safety plans in alignment with the Go-Forward Guidelines and the Primer (a draft of which they have reviewed).

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Thanks for your consideration of this added input,  
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Thank you for the opportunity to review again. The document did change quite a bit, so I had a number of comments. In particular:

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Thank you again,

Reka

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Thank you Dr. Henry!

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It was not just nurses but yes, it was a pilot study on how rapid testing can be used to support safe accommodations in universities. And yes, the rapid testing committee is looking at how the results can support other businesses as well as how we can use them to support safe return to on campus activities next fall.  
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Liza accidentally hung up on you b/c of a "cheekbone mishap" today and had a q about rapid testing.  
Assume A to Liza's Q below is: not at this time?

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Asking if the completion of the UBC study of the 1000 nurses at Orchard Commons February to April will affect/alter BC's rapid test strategy.

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Hi Liza,

On background from the Ministry of Health:

Testing and detecting cases of COVID-19 is a vital part of B.C.'s COVID-19 response. In B.C., public health has significant testing capacity and we urge people who may be experiencing symptoms to call 811 or use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment App to find out if they need a test.

B.C.'s testing policy and work is guided by the advice of the federal COVID-19 Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel and Dr. Bonnie Henry. PCR tests are considered the gold-standard for COVID-19 testing in B.C. and are foundational to B.C.'s approach to detecting COVID-19. B.C.'s approach to testing increases the likelihood that those most at risk of contracting or transmitting the virus are tested immediately. This approach allows public health to detect COVID-19 cases early, which reduces transmission our communities, and helps keep all of us safer from the virus.

Rapid point-of-care (POC) testing has been underway in priority settings since December 2020, including in long-term care, provincial corrections centres, urban underserved populations, rural and remote and Indigenous communities, to support outbreak investigations, and at the discretion of the Medical Health Officer.

On March 4, 2021, public health released the Rapid Point of Care Testing strategy. This strategy was developed based on public health guidance and information, including recommendations by the federal COVID-19 Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel. This strategy outlines how B.C. can best utilize Point-of-Care tests to complement its foundational testing program, which utilizes PCR tests. Early in 2021, the Panel shared testing recommendations that align with B.C.'s approach, including prioritizing the gold standard lab-based PCR testing for those who exhibit symptoms or have come into contact with someone diagnosed with COVID.

B.C.'s Rapid Point-of-Care Testing Strategy permits wider use in workplaces and settings where there is a higher risk of outbreak and/or transmission including, but not limited to, industrial camps, food processing plants and post-secondary residences. Access to testing kits in BC is managed through the BC Centre for Disease Control's (BCCDC) Rapid COVID-19 Point of Care Screening Program.

As of April 29, 2021, the BCCDC Program has received 78 expressions of interest with 33 applications received; 18 of the 33 applications are approved and at the agreement signing phase.

More information about this program can be found here:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/rapid-covid-19-point-of-care-screening-program>

**Marielle Tounsi** | Senior Public Affairs Officer – COVID-19 Media Relations

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## RE: For input: PSIs & Go Forward planning

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From: Gustafson, Reka [BCCDC] <reka.gustafson@phsa.ca>  
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Sent: May 18, 2021 9:21:19 AM PDT

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Hi Kirsten

Couple of thoughts for the direct points he makes:

Problems with the take on uni classes: - Assumes uni students = children - Denies [#COVIDisAirborne](#) - Presumes vaccines effective against variants - Ignores discussion / groupwork in uni classes - Presumes uni classrooms have windows? - Didn't collect data for high school claim

- We are all learning about the pandemic; K-12 is clearly not a perfect analogy, but it is the information we have. We need to learn from every experience we have.
- There will be multiple considerations in the go-forward safety plans: group work, ventilation etc.
- Regional health authorities have collected and shared detailed data on the COVID-19 experience in schools
- Immunization is not expected to eliminate COVID-19, and we are planning for subsequent and potentially seasonal COVID-19 waves. However, vaccination is anticipated to enable us to manage COVID-19 as we manage other seasonal respiratory viruses, rather than with the broad pandemic measures required when we are responding to a virus to which the everyone in the population is susceptible at the same time.
- Not sure where we denied or confirmed anything about mode of transmission in that clip, so can't comment on that.

Thank you Kirsten,

Reka

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>  
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Hello Drs. Henry & Gustafson, UBC's Steve Morgan posted the below clip this morning. No concerns from us, but do you have a recommendation for response if asked?  
Draft bullets below.

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
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**Subject:** PSIs & Go Forward planning

First thoughts if needed for QP:

Steve Morgan on Twitter: "UBC is now circulating this video of BC's PHO and DPHO explaining plans to open universities in Sept. Link: <https://t.co/U1pYmZYPNA> Among concerns: (1) no discussion of variants!! (2) this take on holding large classes!!! <https://t.co/V8P5InDIIu>" / Twitter

- The PHO is working closely with post-secondary institutions on what a return to campus might look like for students and teachers in the fall.
- By then, everyone in BC will be offered their first and second doses of vaccine and we expect transmission to be very low.
- Of course, the return to campus is four months away.
- Our plan at the moment is focused on listening to education stakeholder, staff and student feedback and creating a plan that puts the safety of everyone attending or working at PSIs, first and foremost.

## Invitation: Provide Feedback to Provost on Return to Campus

From: Warren, Alexandra<sup>s.15</sup>  
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Dear SPPH faculty and staff colleagues,

The UBC Provost's Office has set up virtual townhalls to hear and address staff and faculty's concerns regarding the return to campus planning process. See below for more information and how to register.

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### Invitation to Provost & VP Academic Return to Campus Town Hall Sessions

The Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic, Vancouver, will be hosting a series of town halls to listen to the concerns of faculty members and staff in UBC's Vancouver Faculties, in order to help us to address your concerns around academic matters and return to campus planning, which we plan to share in a subsequent response session.

To register, use the links below. You can also find more information at <https://academic.ubc.ca/academic-community/news-announcements/news/pvpa-v-return-campus-town-hall-sessions-june-2021>.

#### Listening Sessions:

June 2, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Open to UBCV faculty members

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June 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Open to UBCV staff members

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June 4, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Open to UBCV faculty and staff members

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#### Response Session:

June 15, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Open to UBCV faculty and staff members

[https://ubc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_x1UeyXkHTLiB\\_Z12nQi9iw](https://ubc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x1UeyXkHTLiB_Z12nQi9iw)

Written questions may also be submitted ahead of time, via the Zoom registration form or to: [provost.office@ubc.ca](mailto:provost.office@ubc.ca).

Kind regards,  
Alex

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## FW: Action requested: Education planning for the fall

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From: UBC-SPPH Executive Assistant s.15  
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Attachments: Return to In-Person Planning Form for Education - 2021-05-27.docx

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*Sent on behalf of Dr. Aslam Anis, SPPH Director pro tem*

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**From:** Kelleher, Dermot  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2021 5:38 PM  
**To:** Med ML Department Heads and School Directors; Med ML Department Heads and School Directors - Assistants; Med ML Department and Schools - SR Administration  
**Subject:** Action requested: Education planning for the fall

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your significant contributions and support as we continue to navigate COVID-19, while providing our learners with high-quality education and training.

As you know, UBC is planning for a return to on-campus activity for Winter Session Term 1, including planning for as much in-person instruction for our learners as possible, subject to ongoing public health guidance from the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), public health teams and health authorities. For more background, please see the [UBC COVID-19 website](#), [March 8, 2021 letter from Dr. Henry](#), and the [primer for post-secondary return to classes](#) from the B.C. Government.

There is an opportunity this fall to enhance our educational provision further by re-capturing elements of instruction that were present prior to the pandemic, with the flexibility that we have learned 'blended' and online modalities can offer.

While a return to in-person education may be difficult for some to contemplate given the current state of the pandemic in B.C. and around the world, we must begin planning for the likelihood of significantly increased in-person activity as of August 1, 2021.

Health, safety and wellbeing remain our top priorities, and our approach will be aligned with that of UBC, as well as our partner academic institutions and health authorities that host many of our academic spaces under guidance from the PHO. We will align our planning assumptions and also ensure we have back-up plans if those assumptions do not hold. To begin, we will plan for increased in-person education and associated

activities and, once those plans are operationalized, we will continue with plans for research and administration subject to ongoing public health guidance. This sequenced approach is primarily for pragmatic planning purposes.

Based on the guidance from UBC and the PHO, in building your plans for education as of August 1, 2021, decisions around what courses, or portions of courses, will be offered online should be based on whether it is pedagogically sound. This assessment and decision rests with the respective department head, school director, or program governance committee (e.g., MD Undergraduate Program, Postgraduate Residency Training programs). As per the [primer](#), the planning assumption at this time is that education will be in-person with full room occupancy allowed for educational activities. There are likely to be guidelines in place related to masks, staying home when sick, hand hygiene and high-traffic areas. We expect more information on health requirements will be available in the coming weeks.

In the Faculty of Medicine, we recommend that the guiding principles as to how much course delivery can remain online include assessing the effectiveness of content delivery and the overall student experience. This may look different for the various programs offered in the Faculty based on pedagogical needs.

As next steps in the planning for return to on-campus activity, please engage your program leadership and instructors to:

1. Proceed with planning for those courses, or portions or courses, that will return to in-person as of August 1, 2021, including booking rooms, scheduling instructors and identifying on-site educational staff needs.
2. Using the attached form, please work with your teams to identify any courses, or portions of courses, approved by a department head, school director, or program committee as pedagogically sound to remain online and remit to the Office of the Vice Dean, Education via [fomedu.reentry@ubc.ca](mailto:fomedu.reentry@ubc.ca) by **July 16, 2021** for ratification/record keeping.

With respect to increasing in-person research and administration activities, the current processes and safety planning guidelines remain in place for now. In-person research and administration activities will continue to ramp up over the next few months and more information around hybrid working arrangements will be available in the coming weeks.

I recognize this work will require significant planning efforts and that the volume of work over the past year has been challenging. Thank you for your ongoing efforts, and for the passion and commitment you bring to your work.

Sincerely,

**Dermot Kelleher**, MB, MD, FRCP, FRCPI, FMedSci, FCAHS, FRCPC, AGAF  
Professor, Department of Medicine

Dean, Faculty of Medicine  
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Faculty of Medicine

Education Online Course Delivery Confirmation for Fall Term (August 1 -December 31, 2021)

Please use this form to identify courses, or portions of courses, approved by your department head, school director, or education program committee as pedagogically sound to remain online in the fall, August 1 – December 31, 2021.

You may submit multiple forms.

Please submit this form on or before 11:59 PM on Friday, July 16, 2021 to [fomedu.reentry@ubc.ca](mailto:fomedu.reentry@ubc.ca).

The Office of the Vice Dean, Education (VDE), via [fomedu.reentry@ubc.ca](mailto:fomedu.reentry@ubc.ca), will send an email confirming receipt of this form for ratification/record keeping purposes.

Name of Faculty Lead(s):	
Faculty Lead(s)'s Email Address(es):	
Name of Administrative Lead(s):	
Administrative Lead(s)'s Email Address(es):	
Name of Unit (e.g. School of Audiology & Speech Sciences, MDUP, PGME, Department of Medicine, etc.):	
Name of Program and if applicable, the Regional Site (e.g. SMP, MPT-North, Cardiac Surgery Residency Training Program, BMLSc, MSc in Genetic Counselling, Master of Occupational Therapy):	
Please list the Course Code(s) and the corresponding Activity Name/Type of the course(s), or portions of courses that will remain online in the fall, August 1 – December 31, 2021:	

Please submit this form to: [fomedu.reentry@ubc.ca](mailto:fomedu.reentry@ubc.ca) on or before 11:59 PM on Friday, July 16, 2021.





Faculty of Medicine

Education Online Course Delivery Confirmation for Fall Term (August 1 -December 31, 2021)

Please tick the box:

☐ I agree that this/these course(s), or portion of course(s), can be delivered effectively using an online format.

Please add any free text you wish (optional):

Please tick the box:

☐ I agree that the overall student experience is not negatively impacted by online delivery.

Please add any free text you wish (optional):

Please tick the box:

☐ I agree that the online delivery of this/these course(s), or portion of course(s), is made based on pedagogical needs.

Please add any free text you wish (optional):

Please enter the full name of the department head, school director, or education program committee (please do not use acronyms or abbreviations) that approved the courses, or portions of courses, to remain online:

Please enter the date of the approval (dd/mm/yyyy):

Faculty Lead Signature:

APPROVAL: Department Head/School Director/Chair, Education Committee Signature:

Please submit this form to: [fomedu.reentry@ubc.ca](mailto:fomedu.reentry@ubc.ca) on or before 11:59 PM on Friday, July 16, 2021.

## 2021/22 Term 1 Course: Supplemental Teaching Assistant Hours Application (deadline June 22nd)

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From: UBC-SPPH Executive Assistant<sup>s.15</sup>  
To: SPPH-CLINICAL@LISTS.UBC.CA  
Sent: June 15, 2021 8:09:01 AM PDT  
Attachments: image001.png, 2021-2022 Winter Term 1 TA Allocations as of 06-14-2021.pdf

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*Sent on behalf of Dr. Hugh Davies, AD Education*

Dear Colleague:

Following the move to on-line teaching during the past academic year, UBC will return to in-person face-to-face teaching starting in Fall 2021. We recognize that instructors will face challenges in course delivery for the term ahead: Courses need to be re-adapted in a timely manner for in-person delivery, to move to blended learning approaches and to incorporate best practices learned from the prior year online; some students may not be able to be on campus immediately in September and we might anticipate greater levels of student support will be needed as we all adjust to being back on campus.

To assist faculty, SPPH will offer additional TA support for the upcoming term (2021/22 winter term 1), to help instructors deal with these challenges. Additional support can be provided as:

- (1) an additional 2 weeks of TA support starting in mid-August and/or;
- (2) supplementary hours up to 2/3 of course original allocation; *Example: a course that normally qualifies for 6 TA hours may receive up to 4 extra hours, and a course that normally receives 12 TA hours may receive up to 8 extra TA hours, per week*
- (3) those courses that do not currently qualify for a TA may receive up to 3 TA hours per week
- (4) also, for any additional top-up of hours, instructors are welcome to use their own funding

To facilitate this more flexible approach we are asking instructors who would like additional support to submit a short on-line application, detailing the additional hours sought and a justification, which will be reviewed/approved by Associate Directors. To assist you, we have attached a list of current TA details for the Winter Term 1 (note the hours shown are subject to review once final class sizes are known).

### Applying:

Instructors apply through this [Qualtrics survey](#); you will be asked:

1. Do you require additional hours of TA support to offer your course ?
2. How many *additional* hours per week are you applying for?
  - a. provide a brief justification
3. Do you require the TA to begin work *2-weeks prior to the start of term*?
  - a. provide a brief justification

## Timeline:

The timeline to process these requests is:

- **Deadline for applications: June 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- Deadline for ADs to adjudicate responses: June 25<sup>th</sup>
- Deadline for SPPH HR **to post new TA roles**: June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Deadline for SPPH HR **to adjust existing TA offers**: mid-July

Questions or concerns can be addressed to Hugh or Kaitlyn.

Kind regards,

Hugh

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Course Number	Course Title	Instructor	Expected Enrollment (for TA advertisement)	TA hours/week based on guidelines	Instructor-paid TA?	Notes	Positioned posted? Yes or No	Date posted
301-001	Understanding the Sociocultural Determinants of the Health of Populations	Eva Oberle	44	5			Yes	28-May-21
302-001	Topics in Health Informatics for Health / Life Sciences Students	Adam Kahnameli	60	7			Yes	31-Mar-21
381C-001	Environmental Health	Kate Weinberger	60	7			Yes	31-Mar-21
381D-BL1	Canadian Health Care Policy	Steve Morgan	60	5		both SPPH 542 and SPPH 381D	Yes	28-May-21
400-001	Statistics for Health Research	Mike Marin	80	12			Yes	31-Mar-21
400-BL1	Statistics for Health Research	Mike Marin	39	7			Yes	31-Mar-21
404-001	Indigenous Health: Historical Impacts and Contemporary Approaches	TBC	40	4				
502-001	Epidemiological Methods I	Trevor Dummer	70	12			Yes	28-May-21
502-BL1	Epidemiological Methods I	Martin Schechter and Margo Pearce	40	7			Yes	28-May-21
504-007	Application of Epidemiological Methods	Ehsan Karim	14	0				
504-BL1	Application of Epidemiological Methods	Caren Rose	19	3			Yes	31-Mar-21
507	MSc/PhD Research Seminar	Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes	507 - 24					
607-BL1			607 - 15	7			Yes	31-Mar-21
516-001	Methods for Systematic Reviews in Health Research	Lorri Puil	24	4			Yes	31-Mar-21
527-BL1	Social Determinants of Health	Eva Oberle	24	4			Yes	31-Mar-21
532-001	Environmental Risk Assessment and Communication	Reza Afshari	12	0				
535-001	Principles of Occupational & Environmental Hygiene	Karen Bartlett	instructor paid	0	Yes	3 hours/week (paid by OEH)	Yes	31-Mar-21
537-001	Perinatal Epidemiology	Patti Janssen	2	0				
542-BL1	Canadian Health Policy	Steven Morgan	55	5		both SPPH 542 and SPPH 381D	Yes	28-May-21
546-001	Introduction to Health Economics	Anis Aslam	24	4			Yes	31-Mar-21
550-BL1	Public Health Approaches to Substance Use and Addictions	Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes	10	0				
552-BL1	Risk and Communication in Public Health	Chelsea Himsworth and Kaylee Byers	28	5			Yes	31-Mar-21
553-001	Foundations of Public Health Computing	Joseph Puyat	14	0				
563-001	Technical Aspects of Chemical and Biological Hazard Control	Warren Fox	instructor paid	0	Yes	3 hours/week (paid by OEH)	Yes	28-May-21
565-001	Ergonomics	Abigail Overduin	19	3			Yes	31-Mar-21
566-001	Occupational Hygiene Practice	Mona Shum	9	0				
569-001	Industrial and Environmental Acoustics and Vibration	Hugh Davies	instructor paid	0	Yes	3 hours/week (paid by OEH)	Yes	28-May-21
581H-001	Qualitative Research for Public Health Practice	Rosemin Kassam	24	4			Yes	31-Mar-21
581J-001	Overview of Global Health	Gina Ogilvie	instructor paid	0	Yes	6 hours/week (paid by instructor)	Yes	11-Jun-21
581N-001	Knowledge Translation in Population and Public Health	Paul Kershaw	24	4			Yes	31-Mar-21
621-001	Approaches to Enquiry in Population and Public Health	Charlyn Black	19	3			Yes	31-Mar-21
681A-001	Causal Inference in Public Health Sciences	Boris Sobolev	5	0				
OEH Seminar (fall)	OEH Seminar (Fall)	Melanie Gorman Ng	instructor paid	0	Yes	1.5 hours/week (paid by OEH)	Yes	28-May-21

## RE: Heartfelt thanks for your help with the COVID-19 Return-to-Campus Guidelines

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Thank you for this note and the confirmation the guidelines have been released, Jeanne.

Likewise, it has been a pleasure to work with this group on planning for campus operations in the fall.

Have a great week everyone,

Michael

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Passing along some positive kudos from the PSI sector 😊

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[Opening Up the West - Education](#)

Great work everyone ...

Cheers

James

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Ey Swayel Si:yam Siya:ye.

Long before Canada was formed, the Stó:lō (people of the river) occupied the land on which UFV is located. They lived in the Fraser Valley and lower Fraser Canyon of British Columbia and they spoke Halq'eméylem, also known as the upriver dialect.

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## Returning to Face to Face Research Activities with Grad Students & Postdocs

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As UBC begins to open back up and we move towards fully in-person research activities, we thought it might be useful to share a few things to consider when interacting with your students and postdocs. Although there are feelings of relief and positive anticipation as we move back, this is also a time of uncertainty, and as at the beginning of the pandemic, this may come with some confusion and worry.

When asking your students and postdocs to return to campus, there will likely be a number of issues to address as the situation continues to evolve. While it is appropriate to articulate the importance of returning in person to research settings, a key guiding principle is to consider your students' and postdocs' physical and mental health, safety, and sense of wellbeing (see [UBC Campus Return Planning Guide](#)).

First and foremost, we recommend open communication, including a sincere attempt to understand each others' concerns and needs. Agreed-upon expectations between you and your graduate students and postdocs is the goal, taking into account the power differential in mentor/mentee relationships (see [Principles of Graduate Supervision](#)). As with all interactions, we encourage respect, kindness, and a consideration of individual circumstances for all parties. It is understood that not all research labs, environments, or relationships may proceed identically through this transitional time.

Some issues to consider:

1. Students' and postdocs', and your own sense of comfort, which may differ from person to person, in fully returning to the in-person context. Ideally, all parties can come to a mutual understanding on issues such as the specifics of mask-wearing and distancing. As comfort levels and circumstances change, the arrangements may change. For some students and postdocs, a more gradual return may be feasible and desirable. Consider scheduling regular individual check-ins to revisit ongoing comfort level with any decisions.
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3. The continuity of research progress. If some aspects of research are still not possible, what other progress can be made? (see [Supervision during Covid-19](#)).

Over the next few months, we will experience another unprecedented time in our generation as we transition away the pandemic – not just back to 'normal', but in many ways to new ways of working and being. We trust that all of us will have

sufficient patience, wisdom, and generosity of spirit as we navigate these times together.

As always, our office is available for advice or support. Please contact Emily Pitcher (Associate Director, Student Academic Support, [emily.pitcher@ubc.ca](mailto:emily.pitcher@ubc.ca)), Dr. Theresa Rogers (Associate Dean, Faculty and Program Development, [theresa.rogers@ubc.ca](mailto:theresa.rogers@ubc.ca)) or Hourik Khanlian (Sr. Manager, Postdoctoral Fellows Office, [hourik.khanlian@ubc.ca](mailto:hourik.khanlian@ubc.ca)) for any questions or requests related to supervision in this context.

Sincerely,

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## RE: Clarification requested re: vaccination for students in residence

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I understand. The institutions (not just UBC) listen very closely to the words around mandatory vaccination because they are getting pressure from board members, faculty, unions, students...and they watch some of their peer institutions back in Ontario.

There is a sense amongst the institutions that the door is potentially open on them to require mandatory vaccination based on the Q&A from today's media event – GCPE transcript excerpt below:

*Same goes for post secondary. We have been working very closely. We have a guidebook for post-secondary institutions for how do we get this back into full in-classroom experiences, and on-campus experiences for young people who absolutely need that. They have been so differentially affected by the impacts of this pandemic. So we are fully committed to that, and part of that will be making sure vaccines are available for students who are coming in from different places, and in the settings on universities. And universities are looking at what measures they need to take in their setting to make it as safe as possible. And so that may mean if you are living in residence, that you need to have proof of immunization. And we are working with post-secondary institutions to make sure they do what they need to do in each of these settings to make vaccines as accessible as possible and to put in the right measures so we can get back to a normal schooling for all young people in September.*

The mandatory vax supporters heard this and say to the PSI “you can do mandatory vax, Dr Henry said so”. In the case of UBC their Board of Governors really wants mandatory vax. Everyone is looking for the loophole – and some think they heard that loophole today in the Q&A and are seeking clarification.

Until today we've been very clear with our PSIs that they cannot require mandatory vaccinations. The institutions are now asking if that is still the case given the Q&A – hence our outreach.

Regards,

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I am not clear what they are talking about. In no way did I indicate this was a requirement from public health. As Brian indicated I was very clear that we do not recommend mandatory vaccination to attend PSI but each institution has to make their own assessment of where they might want to limit access to vaccinated people only whether that is congregate accommodations or restrictions on large indoor events.  
Bonnie

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Hi – just some information received from UBC today (our largest PSI with student housing)

- If PSIs are to verify vaccination status of students in residence – that equates to over 12,000 students – that is a very large logistical exercise that UBC isn't set up for.
- Students have signed onto residence contracts without vaccination requirement – if vaccination is now required that becomes a potential breach of contract risk for UBC

UBC is seeking clear direction as soon as possible – and in our post-secondary system, whatever way UBC goes, 17 other PSIs with student housing will follow compounding the issue.

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Many thanks for your note Brian and for the quick follow-up – much appreciated.

To date, the COVID-19 Return-to-Campus Guidelines have been very clear that vaccines will not be mandatory, and that PSIs should *not* introduce measures that go beyond what public health is recommending. The comments this morning opened the door to PSIs making that decision (see an excerpt of the transcript below) and created some confusion.

We have been working very closely. We have a guidebook for post-secondary institutions for how do we get this back into full in-classroom experiences, and on-campus experiences for young people who absolutely need that. They have been so differentially affected by the impacts of this pandemic. So we are fully committed to that, and part of that will be making sure vaccines are available for students who are coming in from different places, and in the settings on universities. And universities are looking at what measures they need to take in

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We are at a tipping point in the post-secondary system. Post-secondary labour and student unions have been lobbying PSIs for mandatory vaccinations in student housing. Dr. Henry – would you mind confirming whether PSIs now have the option of mandating vaccines in student housing? UBC is meeting with their Board of Governors this Friday on this issue and are looking for definitive guidance from the PHO.

Many thanks,

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Hi Jeanne.

For clarification Bonnie reiterated that she is not supportive of mandatory vaccination, and we would not impose such a requirement.

She clarified that she stated that PSIs need to look at the range of measures that should be in place on campuses, including in residences, and acknowledged that one of those is the potential to require that students living in residences must have been vaccinated. However that would have to be an institution specific decision, based on a range of factors, and that in some contexts that might the way an institution would choose to go. However the institution would also need to consider downsides of such a requirement, and consider how they would deal with the human rights implications. Doing so would not be a public health recommendation but an organization might have contextual reasons for going in that direction.

Bonnie also mentioned that people who choose not to be vaccinated may find that certain opportunities may not be open to them, again assuming human rights considerations are covered.

Copying Bonnie in case she has anything else to add.

Thanks.

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