

**Faculty of Health Sciences  
Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC)  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Held Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**

<b>Attendees:</b>	Logan Bale	DBMS	USW Local 2010
	Sharon David	SRT	MGMT
	Jacqueline Findlay	Medicine	MGMT
	Monika Holzschuh	A&S	QUFA
	Christine Irving	FHS Ops	MGMT
	Dan Langham	EH&S	
	Yat Tse	DBMS	MGMT
<b>Minutes:</b>	Tammy Henry	FHS Ops	
<b>Co-Chairs:</b>	John Singleton	Cancer Research Labs	MGMT
	<i>Worker co-chair vacant</i>		
<b>Regrets:</b>	Anne Biggar	CCTG	Non-union
	Hamid Ghaedi	PSAC 901– unit 2	
	Allison Mackey	Nursing	MGMT
	Edwin Ocran	PSAC 901– unit 1 (TA's/TF's)	
<b>Copy to:</b>	Safety Officers, Faculty of Health Sciences Department Heads		

*J. Singleton (Co-Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.*

**1) Approval of the Minutes of November 17, 2021**

Approved by Y. Tse

**2) Other Business**

**2.1 D. Langham COVID updates**

D. Langham updated the committee on the huge increase of COVID cases in Kingston, which is thought to be driven by the Omicron variant. Public Health now requires individuals to isolate for 10 days if they are a close contact regardless of vaccination status.

There have been a few recent restrictions put in place within KFLA, and there may be provincial restrictions coming soon. Transmission has been found in uncontrolled environments. The university has cancelled in

person exams. Managers received a memo from HR asking them to assess operations and allow staff to work remotely wherever possible. Both of these strategies have decreased the density on campus and hopefully will reduce some transmission. Study spaces as well as eating areas have now been closed across the campus. Other essential places such as the ARC have reduced capacity.

Rapid tests are available to students so that they can test before they leave Kingston. Strategies are being looked at in order to distribute kits to employees.

C. Irving asked that QHS be given priority to receive rapid antigen test kits for students that will be in clinical settings and on placements in January. Receiving them before the holiday break so that distribution could easily happen would be ideal. Staff will also be involved in certain sessions and would need kits as well in order for surveillance testing to be done.

C. Irving stated that some advice from Public Health may be needed as to how often people would need to be tested.

Y. Tse asked about going back to enhanced PPE for students and staff. Staff have close contact with many students. C. Irving said that QHS has a supply of medical grade masks for student related activities. Please reach out to C. Irving if you aren't sure where to order masks for your unit and guidance will be given.

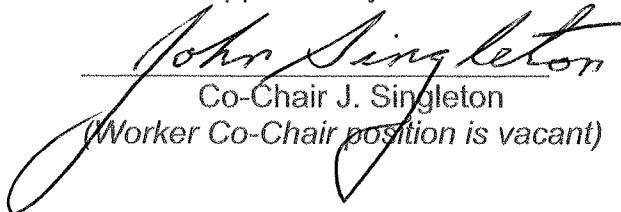
Y. Tse commented that the SeQure app isn't up to date with the current close contact requirements. D. Langham replied that he will look into this.

### 3) Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.*

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE Wednesday, January 19, 2021.**

Minutes approved by:

  
Co-Chair J. Singleton  
(Worker Co-Chair position is vacant)