



## Arts and Science Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes from Meeting Sept 23, 2021

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**Present:** P. Bass, J. Phillips, M. Knapp-Hermer, D. Langham, G. MacAllister (regrets), T. O'Reilly, K. Hoover, C. Bonta, M. Colby (regrets), M. Holzschuh-Sator, K. Orser

1. Call to Order 2:05PM
2. Approval of Agenda Approved, add "Update on past inspections" to #7 of agenda as a standing item.
3. Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2021 Approved
4. Business Arising from the Minutes None
5. Co-Chair's Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Just having questions on updates for COVID</li></ul>
6. Report from Director, Environmental Health and Safety <u>COVID-19 Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sector guidance was released for post-secondary. Biggest change was in relation to capacity and removal of capacity limits for some spaces on campus (instructional). This required the university to determine what would be "instructional space" the document can be found on the Queen's COVID website. The document does provide guidance on everything from masking to sanitizing etc.</li><li>• Remaining on step 3</li><li>• Committees reviewed masking guidelines which is now released. You can reference through RTC guidelines.</li><li>• Continuity of Education Plans - Some wording was added as far as</li></ul>

confidentiality.

- Vaccination declarations have been continuing, as well as a vaccination policy on RTC guidelines as well. Have been working to come up with a process for contractors, ensure their employees are vaccinated when coming to campus. For partially vaccinated, rapid-testing was implemented. A program was created called Thrive Health to book an appointment to pick up tests and upload the results into the system. Staff who are requesting accommodation is being managed through HR, and for students, it is through Student Wellness Services. Rapid testing is for a-symptomatic or partially vaccinated individuals. If an individual comes back positive then have to take a PCR test to confirm, from there it will be determined by Public Health next steps (ie: self isolation etc.)
  - Q- Do we ask for proof of a negative test to declare whether staff/students come back to work?
  - A- If released from public Health, they can come back to work.
- Provincial Vaccine Passport is now in effect. Hospitality has been working with Public Health to ensure we are complying with government regulations. You will be asked for vaccine status if you are looking to sit and eat/drink.
- SecureApp is now prevalent way of screening. Self assessment module has been updated that questions are better in line with the screening, as well as travel requirement questions. **Reminder: \*Make sure you are updating it regularly on your device\***

## 7. Inspection Schedule

- Analytical Services Unit
  - As of Sept 9, ceiling tiles have been replaced.
- Geology
  - All is okay. Good thorough inspection.
- ENVS/BIO
  - Doing training for both staff and determining from there what their jurisdiction/duties will be. **\*\*Safety Officer training is coming up.**
- Jeffrey Hall
  - Issues with windows/air quality etc. There are both short term and long-term components to consider for planning.
  - There has been some water damage, and has been an insurance claim in regards to this.
  - Most of the short term have been done.
  - Discussion with windows had two issues: Some nailed shut (can look at now), some needed to be replaced (deferred maintenance).

- Water infiltration: ceiling tiles, staining, etc.
- Have to replace the membrane under the tiles, as part of the deferred maintenance with the intent this would be done within the next year or two.
- Ontario Hall
  - Plaster falling down from the ceiling.
  - No stair railing on entrance, Exterior staircase only has one railing. (to be determined whether one is needed through PPS)
  - To be followed up by Dan and Terry

8. Other Business/Discussion Item

- Continuity of Education Plan (**please see #6**)
- Fall Planning Operation Group Meeting Notes
- Updated Masking Guidelines (**please see #6**)
- Report of Injury
- Vaccine Declaration Form (**please see #6**)

9. Next meeting: Oct 28, 2021

- 2:00 PM
- Microsoft Teams

Adjourned: 3:02 PM