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Welcome back to our third edition of our Academic Return to Campus Planning Digest.

As always, our main focus as we plan for the resumption of on-campus activities is safety, for all faculty, staff and students. The goal of the digest is to provide timely information on Academic matters to Deans, as to the current state of how we are planning a safe return to campus.

In this week's edition, we address the upcoming Return to Campus planning Town Halls, news about the Safety Planning Framework, and updates on the First Nations House of Learning and regarding international Graduate Students.

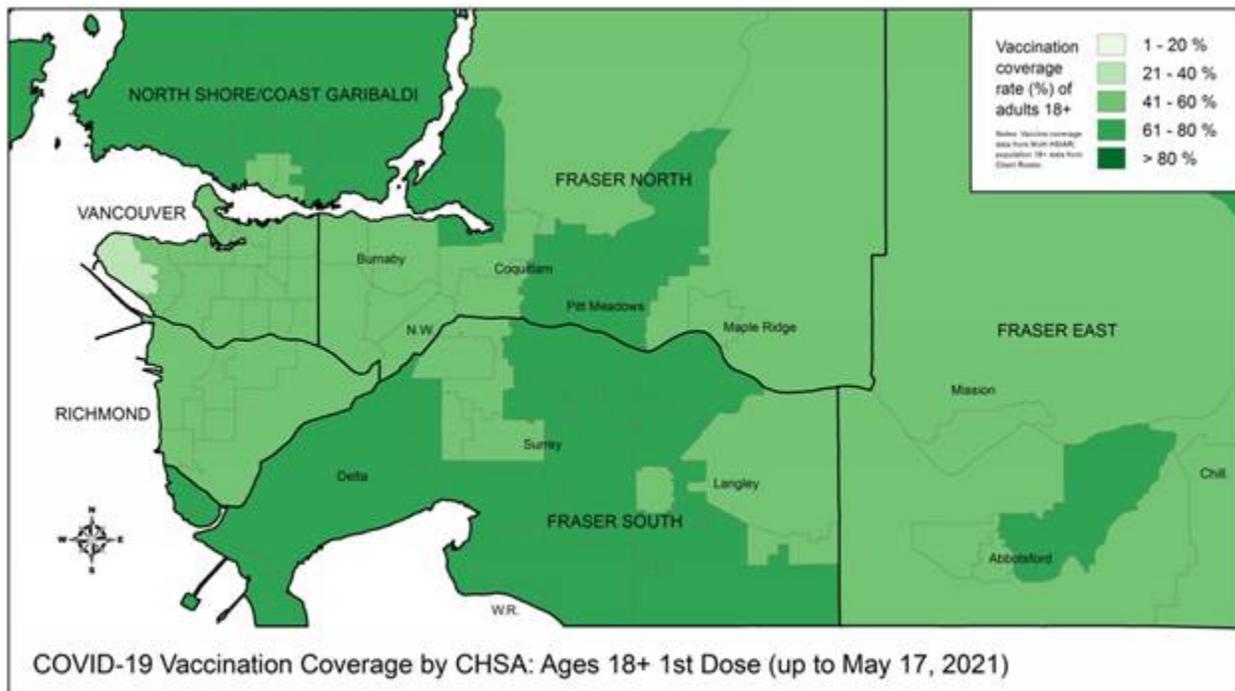
If there are any topics that you would like us to address, let us know at provost.office@ubc.ca.

COVID-19 and BC: The Data

[BCCDC Weekly Data Summary](#): May 20, 2021 (posted May 25, 2021)

[BC's Restart 2.0 Plan](#): May 25, 2021

[Vaccination Coverage by CHSA: Ages 18+](#)



Teaching and Learning Support

The Learning Spaces Team is initiating a project to provision General Teaching Space (GTS) with recording and/or streaming options for September 2021 (2021W). This project will provide dedicated recording and streaming capacity in up to 175 classrooms, or approximately 60% per cent of the General Teaching Space inventory. For the remaining GTS spaces, temporary equipment or mobile carts will be available to address just-in-time needs. The LT Hub and UBC IT Audio Visual will develop documentation to ensure clear instructions are available. Classroom support will be provided primarily by IT AV in collaboration with faculty teaching and learning resources. In addition, over the coming weeks, materials on [KeepTeaching.ubc.ca](https://keepTeaching.ubc.ca) will be updated to provide additional resources and guidance around lecture capture and broadcast options, including ‘low barrier’ ways to capture class sessions, for instructors that wish to learn more about these options.

Safety Planning Framework

Safety & Risk Services (SRS) is continuing the development of a revised COVID-19 Safety Planning Framework. With recent announcements from the Provincial Government, and the Provincial Health Officer, Safety & Risk Services is updating our draft framework and COVID-19 Safety plans to align with timelines and requirements listed in that announcement. This revised Framework aligns with the recently published [Advanced Education and Skills Training \(AEST\) COVID-19 Return to Campus Primer](#). SRS continues to work with AEST, the PHO and our Medical Health Officer, to update the Return to Campus Primer and the possible use of that document as the new GoForward Guidelines.

We have been meeting and will continue to socialize our draft plans with the Faculty Association, Unions, Associations and other stakeholders. These meetings have occurred in the past weeks and will continue to be scheduled in the coming weeks/months as we work through the [four-step B.C. Restart 2.0](#) plan. The purpose of these documents, and the revised planning Framework, is to provide UBCV and UBCO the guiding principles and assumptions to resume 100% in-person activities on our campuses for September 2021. The intent is to create a Framework and set of guidance documents that:

- maintains a safe learning and working environment;
- reduces administrative burden to all Faculties, Administrative, and Operational Units;
- and ensure compliance with current Provincial Health Officer Orders and WorkSafe BC Regulations.

The revised Safety Plans will be written for university activities that occur within all UBC spaces. The new Framework will reduce our current number of plans (currently numbering in the hundreds) to a set of eight plans for both our “controlled” (ie where we know who is in the space and at what time), and “uncontrolled” spaces (where traffic is not monitored).

Facilities

We will have more information available in the next edition. In the meantime, we are pleased to share information related to classroom safety planning.

<https://learningspaces.ubc.ca/covid-19-gts-classroom-safety-planning>

First Nations House of Learning

Sty-Wet-Tan Great Hall closure

The Sty-Wet-Tan Great Hall will largely remain closed to event bookings throughout Term 1, owing to the construction taking place at both ends of the Longhouse.

Student Lunches

The FNHL hope to host some form of student lunches in response to food insecurity issues and to build community. Inside seating will be limited, and lunches will likely be provided as 'to-go' boxes.

Indigenous Students' Collegium

Due to the remodeling of the Longhouse, UBC Vancouver's Indigenous Students' Collegium is hoping to re-open in-person in November. If this is not possible, it should re-open in Term 2, with an expected capacity of roughly 25 students. In the interim, students can register for the [Virtual Indigenous Students' Collegium](#) online.

IT

Microsoft 365 Office: No-cost access for Faculty and staff

Tentatively scheduled for early July 2021, eligible faculty and staff can download Office applications via Microsoft 365 on portal.office.com at no cost. Eligibility for this service is currently under review. This offering is currently centrally funded until April 2022 and will be reassessed in the following fiscal year. Office applications that are available for download include:

- Word
- Excel
- PowerPoint
- Outlook
- OneNote
- Publisher (Windows only)
- Access (Windows only)

This service is intended to allow eligible faculty and staff to carry out UBC activities on unmanaged devices. More information will be provided at a later date.

Note that student employees (including Teaching Assistants) already have access to Microsoft 365 Office applications through their student account.

Graduate Students

The Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies office is conducting a survey of all incoming international graduate students to better understand how many might have challenges in arriving in Vancouver for the September term start. Preliminary results (thus far a 50% response rate) indicate that approximately one-quarter might have difficulty obtaining their study permits in time. Over 80% indicated either that they plan to arrive in August or are already here. Analysis of the final survey results will be shared after the survey closes (May 30).

Useful UBC COVID-19 Resources

- UBC COVID-19 Response: <https://covid19.ubc.ca/>
- SRS COVID-19 Health & Safety: <https://srs.ubc.ca/covid-19/health-safety-covid-19/>
- Student COVID-19 support: <https://students.ubc.ca/support>
- Graduate Student & Postdoc COVID-19 support: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/covid-19>
- BC Government Return-to-Campus Primer: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/post-secondary-education/institution-resources-administration/return-to-campus-primer.pdf>