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Welcome back to our second 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.

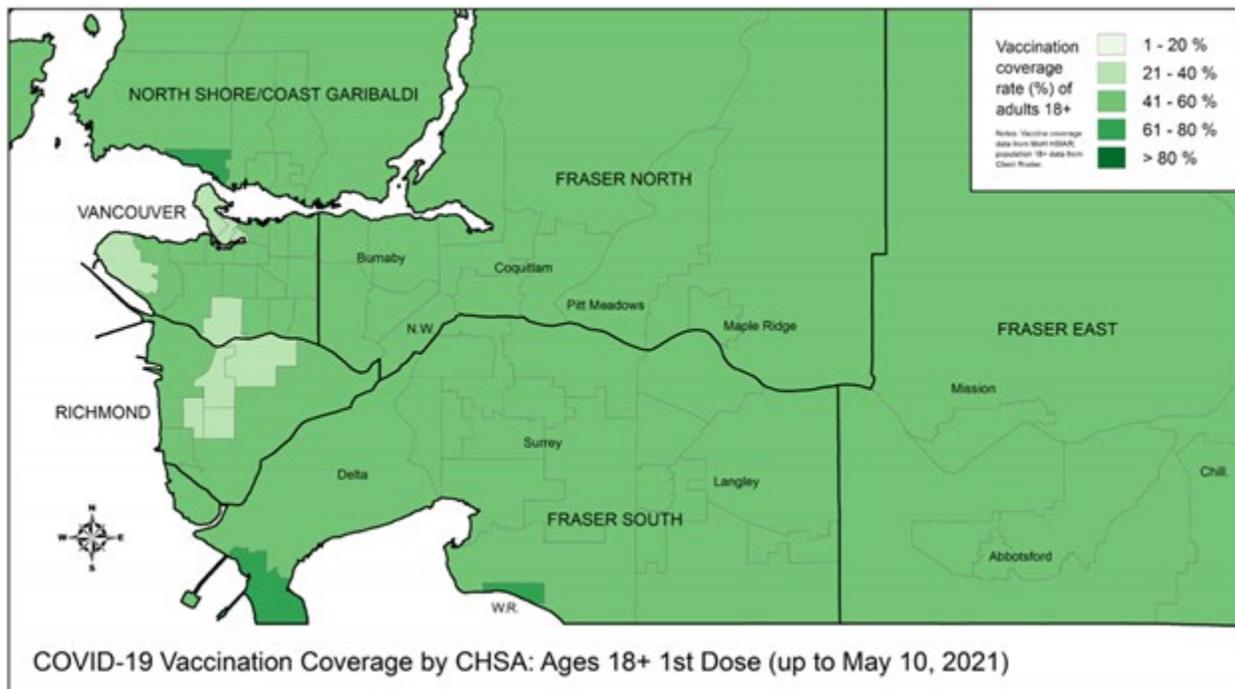
In this week's edition, we address developments with regards to facilities and ventilation, rapid testing and vaccination clinics on campus, a message regarding vaccines to new international students, updates for teaching and learning support, and some operational updates from UBC IT. If there are any topics that you would like us to address, let us know at provost.office@ubc.ca.

COVID-19 and BC: The Data

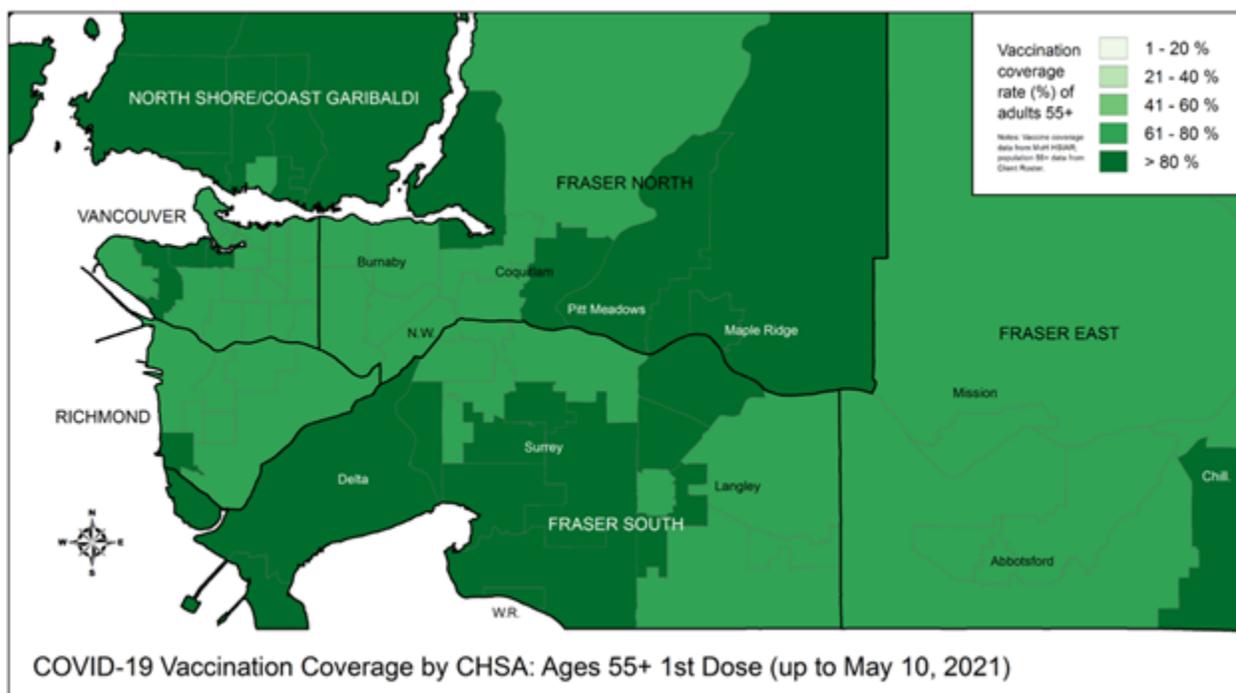
[BCCDC Weekly BC Situation report](#): May 19 - [Epi-week 18: May 2 - May 8, 2021](#)

Orchard Commons Rapid Testing Pilot: <https://srs.ubc.ca/2021/02/18/rapid-covid-19-screening-tests-underway-at-ubc/>

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



Vaccination Coverage by CHSA: Ages 55+



Teaching and Learning Support

Student Experience of Instruction (SEI) – update

In May 2020, a series of recommendations from a student evaluations of teaching working group were endorsed by the UBCV and UBCO Senates, and since then a cross campus Steering Committee and Implementation Committee have been leading the work to implement those recommendations. Among other changes, the name of the process is changing from “student evaluations of teaching” to “student experience of instruction.” In addition, new wording is currently being tested for the University Module Items (UMI) that were previously used on the Vancouver campus, and the Okanagan campus will use the same UMI questions as well. Focus groups have been held across both campuses with faculty and students, and the feedback has been incorporated into a draft set of questions that will be pilot tested in the summer. The final versions of the new UMI questions will be rolled out in student surveys starting in **Winter Term 1, Fall 2021**. For further information, FAQs, and updates on this process, visit <https://seoi.ubc.ca>.

CTLT – Teaching Development Program for new faculty

The Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology has openings for this year’s cohort for the [Teaching Development Program for New Faculty](#). For faculty who are new to UBC and/or to teaching, this eight-month program is designed to support participants in building a foundation for their teaching careers while also engaging with a network of colleagues from across the institution. The program runs August 2021 to April 2022, with multiple engagements throughout the year. For information including program requirements, an estimate of hourly commitment, and how to register, visit <https://ctl.ubc.ca/programs/faculty-programs/new-to-ubc/teaching-development-program-for-new-faculty/>. Please pass this opportunity on to new faculty in your units.

Facilities & Ventilation

We understand that building ventilation is a significant concern for faculty members. The HVAC working group is currently assessing building ventilation systems and reviewing recommendations from the American Society of Heating, Ventilation, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning (ASHRAE), Worksafe BC and the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). Input is being sought from UBC faculty experts prior to finalizing recommended strategies. An update will be provided when the final action plan is ready in June.

Classrooms and teaching labs are the first priority for assessment. Information on any teaching spaces with ventilation system limitations will be shared with the affected Faculties. Input will be requested from these Faculties to determine the feasibility of relocating some classes/labs versus implementing technical measures to improve ventilation.

It is important to note that the number of teaching spaces with ventilation limitations is small. The large majority of academic building spaces at UBC are served by well-functioning ventilation systems capable of meeting the latest ASHRAE COVID-19 safety recommendations. We are continuing to explore mitigation and monitoring strategies for spaces with current limitations and will update the community as we progress in our assessment and planning.

For further information on HVAC systems at UBC please refer to the Facilities website at <http://facilities.ubc.ca/covid-19/your-buildings-heating-and-ventilation-systems/>. This site will be updated regularly as new information is available, and we will share additional information in future editions of the digest.

Rapid Testing

Starts on Wednesday May 26th. To participate you have to be invited as they are looking for specific groups that meet their research criteria. See table below for those who have currently been identified. This may be expanded as the program is rolled out.

Current Clinic Opening times are: Tuesday, Wed, Thursday

Operational Hours	A.M. 9:00-12:30pm (last appointment at 12:30) P.M. 2:00-4:30pm (last appointment at 4:30pm) Capacity: 6 people every 10 minutes (may increase to 8 as efficiencies are found)
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SEGMENT	DESCRIPTION	COUNT	MAIN CONTACT
Student Housing Residents	Residents (mainly upper year / grad) living in Pond, Marine, Iona, Exchange, Fraser, Tbird, Tallwood, Fairview, Cedar, Acadia and colleges.	Approx. 4500	Leith Blachford
Critical Service Employees (SHCS)	Food Services; Residence Life & Administration; Child Care; Conferences & Accommm; Parking & Access; Bookstore & Campus Mail; Facilities	430 (*missing child care and food services #)	Leith Blachford/ Andrew Parr
Critical Service Employees (VPFO)	Custodial; Campus Security; Energy & Water (If needed: Finance; other B.Ops; SRS)	Normally 700; but working at a reduced crew	Custodial: Francis Lepage Municipal: Jenniffer Sheel Trades: Denise Pearce EWS: David Woodson SRS: Rae Ann Aldridge Finance: Karen Oyhenart
Varsity Athletes	Most training is slower in the beginning of summer; but pre-season training ramps up from July . Many are likely living on campus hence included in SH segment.	631	Samantha Prichard
Athletics Facilities Student-Staff	Student-staff at facilities: SRC/ARC/Birdcoo; Intramurals; Aquatic Centre; War Memorial Gym; Arena; Fields/Stadium; Baseball; Tennis. High crossover with residence, varsity	225	Jason McManus
Greek Village	Fraternity and sorority members.	TBD	Sam Reid?
Chemistry Summer Bootcamp	MH: I've reviewed their schedule; there are extremely limited windows where the clinic opening times align to a time where someone could come for a test. We could make it available to them but i don't think we would see a high uptake other than some instructors or very nervous people who would want to get to campus 3 hrs early (clinic lunch breaks overlap with chem class changeover)		Gregory Dake

Vaccination Clinics

The Mass Immunization Site at the Pharmaceutical Sciences Building is currently running M-F, with appointments from 9-4:30. It is expected to run until the end of July.

There is a plan to move the immunization site to Life Sciences Atrium the first week of August, which is expected it to be approved by Faculties of Science and FMedicine shortly. Vancouver Coastal Health has asked UBC to host the immunization site until November.

Supporting Students: Vaccination Messages to Students

On May 20, The International Student Initiative Office sent a message to all new international undergraduate admits to let them know about the availability of COVID-19 vaccines on their arrival to BC/Canada.

VP Students and Central Communications is developing a broad communications strategy to all students regarding COVID-19 vaccines, and we will share details of that plan in the coming weeks. A social push, through UBC's Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn channels, is already underway, encouraging all members of our community to support the provincial vaccine program. You can view these posts here:

- <https://www.facebook.com/universityofbc/photos/a.10150100039888704/10159104026363704/>
- <https://twitter.com/UBC/status/1395501063160143878>
- <https://www.instagram.com/p/CPHGhbPlaay/>
- <https://instagram.com/stories/universityofbc/2578063787563359341>
- https://www.linkedin.com/posts/universityofbc_everyone-aged-12-in-bc-can-now-register-activity-6801266756246745088-KQKu

UBC IT

Delays in IT equipment purchasing

Global shortages in technology components used to build hardware is resulting in **delays of 6-8 weeks for ordering new IT equipment**. This is affecting equipment such as laptops, docking stations and monitors. UBC IT is not receiving its next order of shipment until July. There is a limited supply of equipment available for UBC until then. If you anticipate needing new equipment for the upcoming months for new hires and/or to accommodate hybrid working arrangements, please submit a ticket to UBC Self-Service Portal (<https://ubc.service-now.com/selfservice/>) as **soon as possible**. IT will do their best to accommodate your order. For faculties/departments ordering five or more units of equipment, contact your Client Services Manager (<https://it.ubc.ca/about/client-service-manager-portfolios>) to place your order.

Microsoft Teams and OneDrive

In August 2020, Microsoft Teams and OneDrive was launched to support collaboration across the university. MS Teams is a collaboration tool that enables persistent chat, video conferencing, and collaborating in real-time on documents. MS OneDrive is a file hosting service that allows users to securely store, share, and synchronize files and folders from anywhere at any time. Faculties wishing to

onboard to either of these tools during the summer or in preparation for the fall should reach out to their [UBC IT Client Services Manager](#) for assistance and additional information.

To learn more, please visit:

- Microsoft Teams: <https://it.ubc.ca/teams>
- Microsoft OneDrive: <https://it.ubc.ca/onedrive>

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>