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Welcome back to our seventh 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 and support on Academic matters to Deans, Heads and Directors, and faculty, as to how we are planning for a safe return to campus.

In this week's edition, we have an update about masks use on campus, resources for faculty around safety, teaching and learning, and technical support, building and library access, as well as new information options around commuting to campus.

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

Please forward to your department and division Heads and Directors.

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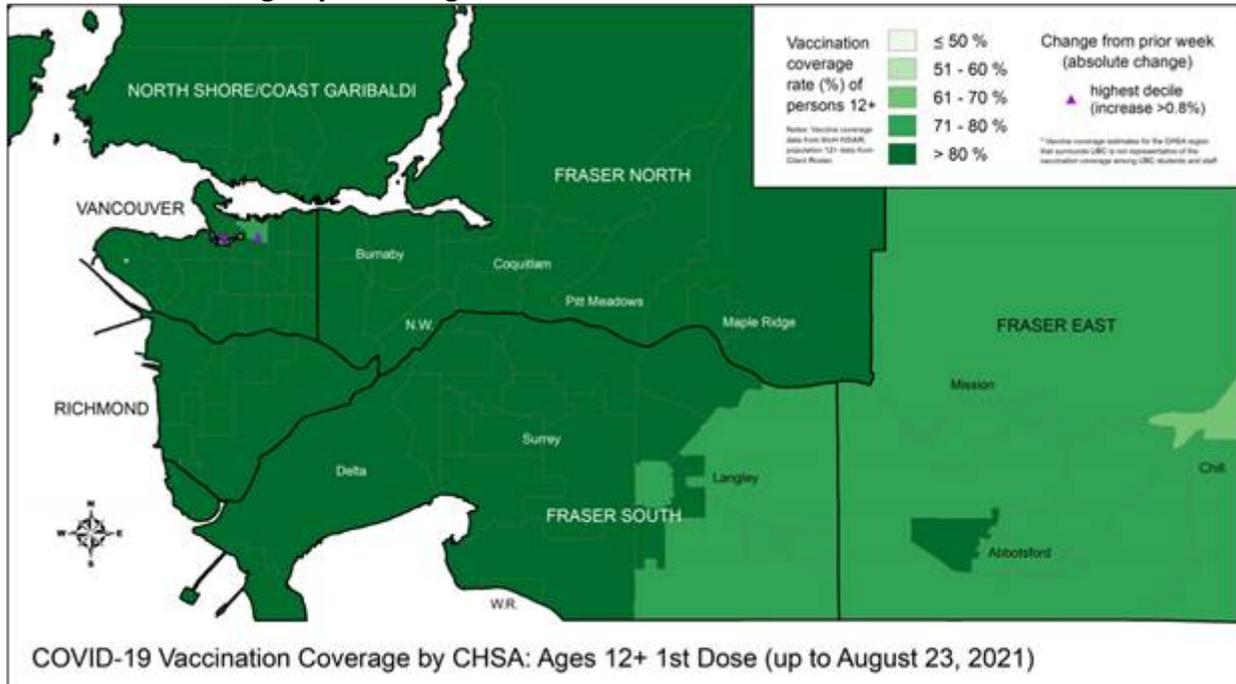
COVID-19 and BC: The Data

[BC COVID-19 Modelling Group Projections](#): September 1, 2021

[Provincial Health Officer COVID-19 Modelling Update](#): August 31, 2021

[BCCDC Data Summary](#): August 26, 2021

Vaccination Coverage by CHSA: Ages 12+ 1st Dose



Return to Campus Guidelines (REVISED)

On September 2, 2021 the BCCDC released revised Return to Campus Guidelines for post-secondary institutions. The source document is here: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Public_Health_Guidance_Campus.pdf

Recent UBC messages regarding Covid-19

Broadcast emails

- [UBC implements vaccine declaration and rapid testing for COVID-19](#): Aug. 26, 2021 (updated Aug. 27)
- [Announcement of BC Vaccine Card for specific activities](#): Aug. 23, 2021

Messages from Prof. Santa Ono

- [Community Update, September 1, 2021: Vaccination is the key to a full social life](#)
- [Community Update, August 27, 2021: Mandated Masks and Vaccinations](#)
- [Community Update, August 20, 2021: Preparing our campuses for Fall 2021](#)

Relevant websites:

- UBC Covid-19: <https://covid19.ubc.ca/>
- Safety & Risk Services Covid-19: <https://srs.ubc.ca/covid-19/>

- Human Resources Remote Work: <https://hr.ubc.ca/remote-work-ubc>
- Student COVID-19 support: <https://students.ubc.ca/support>
- Graduate Student & Postdoc COVID-19 support: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/covid-1>

Masks on campus

Effective last week, the provincial government and the Provincial Health Officer have issued a new Public Health Order mandating the wearing of non-medical masks in public indoor settings. The Order requiring non-medical masks is now in effect for all indoor public areas on both UBC campuses, including classrooms, labs, lobbies, hallways, stairwells, and elevators.

We expect there to be additional information on the use of non-medical masks on campus in the upcoming revisions to the [2021/22 Return-to-Campus guidelines](#), which will be communicated through campus-wide communications.

Rapid Testing

Rapid testing clinic is now open for registration in Irving K. Barber Learning Centre. Rapid testing will continue to play an important role in breaking chains of transmission earlier and curbing the spread of the virus. Health Canada has asked UBC to do a clinical trial of the Roche SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Test (Nasal) to confirm that adults can administer the test, in the hope that the product could be more widely used across Canada, without the supervision of a Healthcare Professional. Anyone who lives or works at UBC, is between 16-80 years of age, and asymptomatic can participate. Learn more here about the clinic and the research study here: <https://www.housing.ubc.ca/rapidtest>

Back to Campus Teaching support

New resources for in-person teaching

New resources are available to support faculty resuming on-campus teaching this fall. We encourage faculty to visit the [Keep Teaching website](#) to find new information on recording and streaming in classrooms and recording in-person lectures with Zoom.

Primer for new faculty

For those who are new to UBC, or inducting new hires? The [New Faculty Primer](#) is a practical, get-started guide for new faculty at UBC. It includes information on accessing technology and UBC systems, course components and considerations, central resources and funding opportunities, and more. For a more general introduction to teaching and learning at UBC, the New Faculty Orientation Guide can be downloaded from the same page.

Student Return to Campus Aug. 25 Webinar: Recording

On August 25, 2021, the VP Students and VP Academic portfolios hosted a live webinar for students to give updates and answer questions about the return to campus in the fall. The recording of that webinar is now available for viewing at <https://vpstudents.ubc.ca/news/watch-return-campus-webinar-video-recording-0>.

Building access: Pilot to standardize access hours

UBC is implementing a pilot project to standardize building hours for academic, research, and administrative buildings. Evening and weekend access to buildings may be restricted. Access through the

building's main card reader doors has been provided for instructors, TAs and students based on course enrolment data.

Please be reminded to carry your UBC card with you. If you do not yet have a UBC card, please apply via the [online portal](#).

For more information about this initiative including a list of affected buildings, including hours of access, visit the [Learning Spaces website](#).

Return to campus IT support

IT Return to Campus Launch Page: A new Return to Campus landing page has been published on the UBC IT website to highlight how IT is supporting the return to campus for academic and administrative departments; providing a virtual doorway to teaching and learning, research, and remote work services. You can bookmark the page at <https://it.ubc.ca/returntocampus>.

Behind the Scenes: UBC IT Teams and Fall Preparedness: UBC IT has launched a #readyforcampusreturn story series on the UBC IT website showcasing the contributions of IT teams working tirelessly to welcome students, faculty, and staff back to campus. IT teams featured so far include [the UBC Studios team](#) and [the Network team](#) ... with additional stories on Desktop Services, front-line staff, and more to be shared over the month of September.

IT Launches Return to Campus Campaign

Jennifer Burns, Associate Vice-President, Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, posted her [latest update to the campus community](#) last Friday providing highlights on preparing for the new term and what's ahead for UBC IT and the Office of the CIO this next quarter.

Attend the virtual Emerging Media Lab Showcase on Sept. 15

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to the Emerging Media Lab (EML) showcase, featuring project demos from students and faculty members from the Faculty of Law, the Department of Theatre, Biochemistry, and more.

Emerging Media Lab Showcase
Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 | 3pm to 4:30pm
[Register online](#)

AV support in classrooms

Update on Recording and Streaming in Classrooms

Over the summer, the Learning Spaces team has added and upgraded classroom technology to support recording and live streaming of sessions in General Teaching Spaces. For September, the team will have implemented or upgraded recording and streaming capabilities in over 160 General Teaching Spaces. This represents a significant expansion of this capability which will now be available in approximately 70% of the GTS inventory of rooms with a capacity of over 30 seats.

Drop-in recording kits and mobile Zoom carts are also being made available for spaces or sessions that may require them. The UBC Learning Spaces website continues to be updated on an ongoing basis with the latest information about this project, including a list of capable rooms and functionality, detailed descriptions and videos of the available solutions, and information around booking recordings or AV support.

- View a video overview of all of the [available solutions](#)
- Please refer to [in-room recording systems](#), [mobile zoom cart](#), or [drop-in recording kits](#) for in-depth video overviews
- To request a recording or streaming booking, please use the [booking form](#)

The Learning Spaces website continues to be updated with the latest information, at <https://learningspaces.ubc.ca/recording-and-streaming-classrooms>.

Commuting to Campus

As part of planning for increased activity on campus, we have established a Transportation Working Group to explore ways to support the UBC community in getting to and from campus. We understand that safety on public transit is an area of concern for many people so this group is working with TransLink to address the questions and concerns we are hearing. If you want to learn more about TransLink's COVID-19 safety protocols, or sign up for alerts, visit <https://www.translink.ca>.

The working group is also identifying resources to support carpooling and cycling to campus and there is a new flexible parking option coming this fall:

- To encourage carpooling, UBC is offering a designated carpool lot (Armouries Lot) that will only be available to people with three or more (3+) people in the car.
- UBC Parking is offering eligible faculty and staff 10-day flexible use passes.
- UBC has partnered with Liftango and TransLink to help the UBC community form carpools at no cost.

Visit <https://planning.ubc.ca/transportation/return-campus> for full information.

UBC Library Branches and Services

Most UBC Library branches on the UBC Vancouver campus will reopen September 7, 2021. The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre remains open to students, faculty, staff and community members. [Visit the library's website for hours](#).

The [Materials Pick-up Service](#) that enables UBC Library users to access items in the collection that are not available in electronic formats will continue until September 2, 2021. It will be replaced by the [Document Delivery](#) service which allows cardholders to request materials from one UBC campus to be delivered to another.

The HathiTrust Emergency Temporary Access Service (ETAS), put in place in July 2020 to provide UBC Library faculty, students and other researchers remote access to print materials that were restricted during the COVID-19 outbreak was deactivated Monday, August 23rd. UBC Library continues to work with faculty to make course materials available online and to source electronic versions of print materials for the Library Online Course Reserves system, integrated with Canvas. Appropriate copyright considerations and licensing permissions will be applied to all requests. Questions can be directed to ask.library.ubc.ca. [Learn more](#).