



COVID-19 Safety Plan

Learning Spaces - UBCO

Effective at Step 3 of BC Restart Plan

Note: At the start of Step 4 of the BC Restart Plan, UBC will transition to a communicable disease plan.

Scope

UBC is committed to providing a healthy and safe learning environment. This safety plan details the COVID-19 measures and controls required for all UBC Okanagan learning spaces (classrooms and teaching labs). This plan is in alignment with Step 3 of [BC's Restart Plan](#) and the criteria outlined by Public Health.

Rationale

The University of British Columbia envisions a climate in which students, faculty and staff are provided with the best possible conditions for learning, researching and working. Above and beyond immunizations, infectious contacts throughout the post-secondary environment can be reduced using the prevention and control measures outlined in this plan.

Engagement and Review

COVID-19 Safety Plans have been developed in collaboration with Public Health, the Ministry of Advanced Education and WorkSafeBC.

This plan has been reviewed by UBC Okanagan's Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees. Feedback and suggestions have been incorporated into the plan.

Regulatory Context

[BC Restart Plan](#)

[Provincial Health Office Orders](#)

[Post-Secondary Go-Forward guidelines](#)

[WorkSafeBC](#)

Responsibility

We can all contribute personally to the pandemic response and safety of our communities by getting vaccinated (as we are able), following campus safety plans, performing a daily health check, staying home when sick, following handwashing and hygiene etiquette and following public health orders and guidelines both on and off campus.

It is up to each one of us to do our part, but it is our collective efforts that will make the difference.



UBC COVID-19 Rules

COVID-19 Campus Safety rules apply to all persons on campus. These rules confirm expectations of all members of the campus community, including:

- [Completing Daily Health Assessments](#) - required of everyone prior to attending campus
- [COVID-19 training](#) - required of employees and students
- [Wearing non-medical masks](#) - non-medical masks are recommended in alignment with Step 3 of the BC Restart Plan for all people 12 and older who are not yet fully vaccinated.
- [Following Direction of Public Health](#) - as it relates to PHO Orders, contact tracing and isolation requirements

For further information and complete list of rules, visit [COVID-19 Campus Safety Rules](#).

Infection Control in Common Learning Spaces

Although the expected occupancy of learning spaces is consistent with pre-COVID-19 levels, there are several controls that are being applied within these spaces in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Cleaning and Hygiene

UBCO Facilities Management is providing enhanced cleaning that includes disinfection of high touch surfaces (door handles, table tops, hand rails) per [BCCDC guidance](#).

Respiratory Etiquette and Hand Hygiene

Occupants are expected to practice respiratory etiquette by coughing/sneezing into their mask, a tissue or into the sleeve of their shirt. Occupants are also expected to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds or make use of hand sanitizer stations. Hand sanitizer and self-serve cleaning stations are available in building entrances/foyers and throughout common areas and informal study spaces in UBCO buildings. Everyone is encouraged to carry their own hand sanitizer.

Signage

All occupants are required to follow signage in learning spaces.

Manage Contacts and Limit Close Interactions

Throughout campus, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to limit the number of close sustained contacts with others, which includes avoiding situations where individuals congregate in shared areas. Occupants are expected to not linger, wait or loiter in hallways, corridors, foyers and other spaces that are intended for travel.



Class Change

Students are expected to promptly exit the room upon the completion of their class. Students waiting for their class to commence should ensure the room has been fully vacated by the previous class before entering the room.

Seating

Students are encouraged to return to the same seating area during classes to support Public Health contact tracing efforts.

Additional Resources & Support

To support and enhance the health and wellbeing of all students, UBC offers a variety of health resources available to the campus community. Visit the [Students Services website](#) for further information.

To support and enhance the health and wellbeing of all faculty and staff, UBC offers a variety of health resources available to the campus community. Visit UBC [Human Resources](#) for further information.

Communication Strategy

This Safety Plan will be posted on [UBCO COVID-19 website](#) and the [UBCO Safe App](#).

Monitoring and Continual Improvement

Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees and Local Safety Teams are encouraged to monitor learning spaces and report unresolved concerns to ready.ok@ubc.ca.

Every effort is to be taken by all students, faculty and staff to promote an understanding of PHO Orders, COVID-19 Campus Rules and COVID-19 Safety Plans within the campus community. A respectful and educational approach is expected for all related interactions. Where members of the campus community are not comfortable addressing non-compliant behavior or feel that related interactions cannot be performed in a respectful manner, the matters should be referred to either their supervisor/program head or to [UBCO Campus Security](#).

Safety Concerns

Any concerns or questions can be sent to ready.ok@ubc.ca.