



COVID-19 Safety Plan

Housing/Student Residences - 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 environment. This safety plan details the COVID-19 measures and controls required for all UBC Okanagan Residences managed by Student Housing and Community Services (SHCS). 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

Staff: The aspects of this plan that relate to worker safety have been developed in consultation with Public Health, the Ministry of Advanced Education, WorkSafeBC and Health, Safety and Environment. This plan has been reviewed by the UBCO Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees. Feedback and suggestions have been incorporated into the plan.

Residents: The residence safety plan has been developed in consultation with Public Health, Student Housing and Community Services, Health, Safety and Environment and the Residence Life team.

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

Staff: COVID-19 Campus Safety rules apply to all persons working on campus and residents when not on residential property. 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 in indoor common spaces like hallways, washrooms, elevators etc. 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](#).

Residents: COVID-19 residence rules are in effect in the Student Residences managed by UBC SHCS and apply to all residents and their guests while on residential property as defined in the Residence contract applicable to each residence area. For further information, visit [UBCO COVID-19 Residence Rules](#).

Infection Control in Housing/Student Residences

Cleaning and Hygiene

High touch points areas in common block areas, elevators and stairwells are cleaned at least twice per day over a 24-hour period per [BCCDC guidance](#).

Respiratory Etiquette and Hand Hygiene

Residents, guests and staff are expected to practice respiratory etiquette by coughing/sneezing into their mask, a tissue or into their sleeve. 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 stations are available in building entrances/foyers. Everyone is encouraged to carry their own hand sanitizer.

Signage

All occupants are required to follow signage in Residences.

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.



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Self-quarantine and Self-Isolation

Residents: A resident will be required to quarantine or self-isolate upon

- o entering or re-entering Canada
- o a positive COVID-19 diagnosis
- o direction by public health or a health care professional

Additional information regarding self-isolation requirements are included in the [UBCO COVID-19 Residence Rules](#).

Common Rooms

Residents: Residence fitness rooms will remain open for individual exercise, practice or study. Please follow the safety protocols posted at each room.

Residents and Staff: Dining facilities serving residents and staff on campus will remain open. Please follow the safety protocols posted in each dining facility.

Physical Barriers

Staff: Areas involving high contact with the public may consider the installation of barriers (e.g. plexiglass). There may be application for barriers that have already been installed. Before removing or purchasing additional barriers, contact hse.ok@ubc.ca for advice and recommendations.

Additional Resources & Support

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

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

Communication Strategy

Residents and Staff: This Safety Plan will be posted on the [Student Housing and Community Services website](#), [UBCO COVID-19 website](#) and the [UBCO Safe App](#). Links to the plan should be included in communication to residents and staff.



Monitoring and Continual Improvement

Residents and Staff: Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees are encouraged to monitor Housing/Student Residences 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

Staff: Any concerns or questions should be initially sent to your direct supervisor. If unresolved, contact your [Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee](#) or ready.ok@ubc.ca.

Residents: Resident concerns or questions should be directed to a [Residence Life Manager](#)