



# COVID-19 Safety Plan

## Housing/Student Residences - UBCO

### 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
- [Stay home if you are sick](#) - If you feel sick stay home use the [BC Health self-assessment tool](#) for guidance. Follow the advice from [Public Health](#)
- [Mandatory Training](#) - [UBC Go Forward COVID-19 Safety Planning Training](#) required of employees
- [Signage](#) - Everyone must follow relevant signage when moving around UBC campuses or worksites
- [COVID-19 safety plans & communicable disease plans](#) - Supervisors will ensure that all faculty and staff are familiar with the latest guidance from the Provincial Health Officer as it relates to their work areas
- [Requirement to wear Face Coverings](#) - All persons on UBC premises must wear an appropriate face covering when in indoor public spaces of buildings. For a complete list of exceptions and details on mask requirements, refer to the [COVID-19 Campus Safety Rules](#)
- [Following Direction of Public Health](#) - as it relates to PHO Orders, contact tracing and isolation requirements
- [UBC Rapid Testing Requirement](#) - all persons are required to be regularly tested for COVID-19, but can be exempted from this requirement by disclosing if they are fully vaccinated through the confidential UBC Vaccination Status Declaration. Please see <https://rapidtesting.covid19.ubc.ca/> for more information

**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.

### Self-quarantine and Self-Isolation

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

- a positive COVID-19 diagnosis
- 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:** Work spaces 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](mailto: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.



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**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](mailto: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](mailto:ready.ok@ubc.ca).

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