COVID-19 Campus Rules

The health and safety of the UBC community is our first priority, and we continue to monitor COVID-19 and follow effective safety practices. These COVID-19 Campus Rules reflect the recommendations in Step 3 of the Province of British Columbia’s Restart Plan.

To ensure persons in all workspaces and other UBC property remain as safe as possible, it is required that all persons follow these COVID-19 Campus Rules as well as any other rules required of them by UBC. These rules may be supplemented by more detailed UBC rules or safety protocols governing specific locations or activities. If there is any conflict between these COVID-19 Campus Rules and more detailed UBC rules – the more detailed rules will govern. Administrative units of UBC (which includes academic and research units) must not impose COVID-19 requirements that are more stringent than these COVID-19 Campus Rules without first consulting with UBC Safety and Risk Services (Vancouver) or Campus Operations & Risk Management (Okanagan). These COVID-19 Campus Rules may be amended from time to time.

These COVID-19 Campus Rules govern UBC’s campuses and all other locations under UBC’s control (“UBC Premises”) and apply to all activities that take place on UBC Premises and all persons on UBC Premises. For greater certainty, UBC Premises do not include land leased to third parties (for example private residences, third-party commercial spaces).

These rules do not govern student residents while they are in student residences operated by Student Housing and Community Services in Vancouver and Student Housing and Hospitality Service in the Okanagan (UBC Student Housing). Separate rules will apply to these students while they are in residence. These rules do apply to student residents when they are elsewhere on UBC Premises. The student housing rules for the Okanagan campus are here https://okanagan.housing.ubc.ca/covid-19-residence-rules/, and for the Vancouver campus are here https://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca/residence-life/health-safety/covid-19/.

1. All faculty, staff and student-staff must complete the mandatory online training module ‘UBC Go Forward COVID-19 Safety Planning Training’ before accessing UBC Premises.

2. All students, faculty, staff, and others must assess themselves daily for COVID-19 symptoms prior to engaging in in-person UBC activities on UBC Premises. A list of COVID-19 symptoms can be found here http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/symptoms. It is recommended that the online https://bc.thrive.health/ tool be used for self-assessment.
3. Anyone who is ill or believes they have COVID-19 symptoms or exposure to SARS-CoV-2 must complete the BC self-assessment tool at https://bc.thrive.health/ or through the BC COVID-19 Support App for their iOS or Android device and follow the instructions provided.

If the self-assessment tool recommends that a person get tested for COVID-19 or self-isolate, they must do so. If required to get COVID-19 testing they should not return to UBC Premises until they have received the test results and followed any self-isolating recommendations. At the commencement of self-isolation:

i. Faculty and staff of UBC whose duties require them to attend in person on UBC Premises must report that they are unable to do so to their supervisor or manager. Their supervisor or manager will advise them of their options.

ii. Students who live in UBC Student Housing must ensure they are familiar with and comply with the rules applicable to their residence area.

iii. Contractors, volunteers or others with business on UBC Premises should advise their UBC contact person that they are unable to attend. The UBC contact person will advise them of their options.

4. Anyone with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis may only return to UBC Premises if they have sought the advice of public health authorities and have been instructed by public health authorities that it is safe for them to return to public settings. For additional information please see http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation.

5. Anyone who has had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive person (see: http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation/close-contacts) and has been instructed by public health authorities to self-isolate, may only return to UBC Premises after self-isolating for a period of time as instructed by public health authorities. For additional information including what constitutes close contact please see http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation/close-contacts.

6. Anyone who has travelled internationally may only return to UBC Premises after complying with all Canadian border entry and quarantine and testing requirements, in force at the time of entry. For additional information please see https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/isolation.

7. Everyone must follow relevant signage and floor markings when moving around UBC Premises.
8. Supervisors will ensure that all faculty, staff and contractors are familiar with the latest guidance from the Provincial Health Officer as it relates to their work areas.

9. There is no general requirement for persons to wear masks when indoors on UBC Premises unless there are specific rules in an area that require them. However, wearing a mask in public indoor settings is recommended by the British Columbia Restart Plan.

For more information regarding UBC’s response to COVID-19 please see https://covid19.ubc.ca/ for the UBC Vancouver campus and https://ok.ubc.ca/covid19/health-safety/ for the UBC Okanagan campus.

Ensuring Compliance:

- Everyone on UBC Premises must comply with these COVID-19 Campus Rules and any other UBC rules.
- The Administrative Head of Unit or Supervisor for each unit has the responsibility to ensure that UBC rules and safety protocols are communicated and followed in their unit.
- Notices regarding applicable UBC rules and safety protocols will be posted at entrances to workplaces as well as communal areas (for example lunchrooms) for all workspaces.
- All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to bring concerns about the implementation of UBC rules or safety protocols or incidents of non-compliance to the attention of the Administrative Head of Unit or Supervisor.
- For support in investigating incidents of non-compliance or similar concerns by faculty and staff, Administrative Heads of Unit or their designates should contact their Human Resources Advisor or Faculty Relations Senior Manager.
- Failure to follow these COVID-19 Campus Rules or other rules or safety protocols by faculty or staff may result in discipline up to and including the termination of employment.
- Failure to follow these COVID-19 Campus Rules or other rules or safety protocols by students may result in discipline pursuant to the UBC Student Code of Conduct. For support regarding the application of the UBC Student Code of Conduct, Administrative Heads of Unit are advised to contact Campus Security.
- Failure to follow these COVID-19 Campus Rules or other rules or safety protocols by contractors may result in the termination of their contract, and/or loss of access privileges up to and including being restricted from visiting UBC Premises.
- Failure to follow these COVID-19 Campus Rules or other rules or safety protocols by volunteers, visitors or other third parties on UBC Premises may result in loss of access privileges up to and including being restricted from visiting UBC Premises.