COVID-19 Safety Plan
Housing/Student Residences
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 Vancouver 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. Beyond COVID-19, this plan includes strategies to prevent the spread of communicable diseases on campus.

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, Ministry of Advanced Education, WorkSafeBC and Safety & Risk Services. This plan has been reviewed by Student Housing and Community Services Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee. Feedback and suggestions have been incorporated into the plan.

Residents: The residents safety plan have been developed in consult with Public Health, Student Housing and Community Services management, Safety & Risk Services, 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
- 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. Frequently asked questions about COVID-19 protocols at UBC can be found here.

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 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.

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 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 stations are available in the main building entrance/foyer. Everyone is encouraged to carry their own hand sanitizer.

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Signage
All occupants are required to follow signage in Residences.

Managing Contacts and Limiting Close Interactions
Throughout campus, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to limit the number of close sustained contacts with others, which includes avoidance of situations where individuals congregate in shared areas. Occupants are expected to not linger, wait or loiter in 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
  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 COVID-19 Residence Rules.

Common Rooms
Residents: Residence fitness rooms (music practice rooms and study 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 residents may install barriers (e.g. plexiglass). There may be application for plexiglass already installed. Before removing or purchasing additional plexiglass, contact ready.ubc@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 Student Services 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, Safety & Risk Services website and the UBC Vancouver Safe App. Links to the plan should be included in communication to residents and staff.

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Monitoring and Continual Improvement

Residents and Staff: Student Housing and Community Services Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee and associated Local Safety Teams are encouraged to monitor Housing/Student Residences and report unresolved concerns to ready.ubc@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 the individual’s supervisor/program head. Campus Security can assist as necessary. For further information and strategies, review the Respectful Engagement guidance document.

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 representative or ready.ubc@ubc.ca.

Residents: Resident concerns or questions should be directed to a Residence Life Manager.