



Guidance for Resumption of On-Campus Activities Under COVID19 Restrictions

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) is committed to the responsible resumption of on-campus activities, based on guidance of the Provincial Health Officer (PHO), WorkSafe BC, and FHS ability to provide support for safe operational practices.

Activities include wet and dry-lab research, teaching and service.

This document outlines the principles and instructions to ensure a safe resumption of activities. The first priority is the resumption of laboratory-based research.

The information below is based on current guidance. The provincial government has convened a post-secondary sector table, which will develop general protocols for universities. Any new guidance provided by this group will be reflected in updates to this document.

The general principles must be followed by all FHS faculty, staff and students who request permission to resume on campus activities. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in a permission being withdrawn for on-campus activities.

- The health and well-being of students, staff and faculty is paramount.
- Principle Investigators (PIs) or supervisors should consider equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and equal access in their planning for activity resumption and **must not** compel their students to work on campus if those individuals have concerns about their safety.
- All activities that can be carried out remotely should continue to be undertaken remotely to the 0.077 Tw (to

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- All individuals who wish to apply to the Dean to access FHS spaces must **also attest via emailed form that they have read and agree to the below terms and conditions.**

Teaching Lab Guidelines

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_____ to request permission and negotiate such access. At a minimum, a schedule for access must be submitted and approved.

Laboratory Research Guidelines

The following health and safety guidelines and procedures are designed to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 for those who are working in on-campus research facilities and to ensure compliance with current BC PHO and WorkSafeBC requirements for physical distancing, cleaning, hygiene and related safety protocols.

1) Room Occupancy and Physical Distancing

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Guidance:

Laboratory PIs must ensure that:

- The workflow of activities minimizes interactions between persons.
- Based on a practical assessment of the available space, the number of people can reasonably achieve the 2m separation throughout normal operating hours.
- Maximum occupancy is not exceeded.
- Common departmental spaces and facilities must also adhere to these guidelines, including coordinating schedules for occupancy and posting maximum occupancy.

Faculty staff responsible for facilities and supervised by the Dean must ensure that:

- Signs are posted indicating maximum occupancy for each authorized FHS research, meeting and office space (except for single occupancy offices).
- Maximum occupancy is adhered to. Non-compliance will be reported to the Dean who will revoke access privileges.

2) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Guidance:

- The use of PPE (e.g., medical masks, gloves, protective eye wear etc.) is not mandated, however, all individuals accessing FHS research laboratories should comply with standard S [FU laboratory safety](#)

4. [Self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days](#) so you do not potentially spread the disease to others
Note: If you have tested positive for Covid-19, you will be required to self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days, track and report your symptoms, and be retested before being cleared to work.

Resources:

1. SFU's [Working Alone or in Isolation Policy](#)
2. SFU's [COVID-19 Awareness and Safe Return to Work Training](#)
3. WorkSafe BC's [Phase 2 Return to work](#)
4. [Additional information on COVID19 and the SFU response](#)