

Good day co-chairs,

Please share this with the members of your committee.

During this highly complex crisis situation, the JHSCs have been and will continue to be an integral part of the Internal Responsibility System (IRS). JHSCs continue working together on health and safety concerns. JHSC meetings and inspections have occurred throughout the crisis. The University and EHS continue to provide JHSCs with ongoing support. We encourage these activities to keep occurring, in keeping with the JHSCs' responsibilities under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

We greatly appreciate that JHSCs have been active and engaged, and we value your ongoing cooperation in working towards achieving our common aim of having a safe and healthy return to our onsite workspaces.

In consideration of the important role of JHSCs, we are providing all JHSCs with a copy of the University's COVID-19 General Workplace Guideline, which is being used by University leadership to develop operational plans at a local level for returning to work onsite at the University. While drafting, reviewing and approval of institutional guidelines is not within the scope or mandate of a JHSC, we encourage you to read the document and welcome you to engage with management through your usual channels on any queries or recommendations you may have with respect to the application of the Guideline to worksites within your JHSC's jurisdiction. We are providing this document for the information of JHSCs and ask that you do not forward the document to anyone else.

If you have any questions related to JHSC matters such as inspections, meetings etc. please contact the JHSC manager, Irene Tang at ehs.jhsc@utoronto.ca.

We want to assure you that the health and safety of all University staff is a top priority and all planning is being done in close consultation and with approval of experts in Environmental Health and Safety who are in turn in close contact with Provincial public health authorities.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

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