



New Items

Vaccination at U of T

The University encourages all members to be vaccinated and has taken the additional step of requiring students living in residence to get their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine before their move-in date due to the congregate living setting. There are also vaccine requirements for certain applicable clinical placements (please refer to your department). However, neither either public health nor the province has mandated vaccinations for the general population or for workplaces and as such, vaccinations are not required to come onto campus or attend class. For more information, please refer to FAQ 5.2 on the [UTogether](#) website.

If you have any specific concerns regarding your particular medical circumstance, please contact our [occupational health nurse](#).

Classroom Ventilation Enhancements

Currently, classroom environments are being equipped for six equivalent air changes per hour - the same standard used in healthcare settings, such as patient examination rooms. [Public health guidance from Harvard University](#) indicates that **six air changes per hour is considered ideal for classrooms**. 98% of our classrooms exceeds this ideal ventilation target across the tri-campus. Only classrooms that meet this target will be used this fall.

The University has focused on classrooms because a larger number of people are coming in and out of classrooms compared to other spaces. Specialized spaces such as teaching labs, research labs, and clinics are also held to more rigorous ventilation standards due to the nature of the space and the activities they support.

You can find information about the ventilation for each classroom on all three campuses, such as the air change rate, and whether there is an air purifier installed.

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Central Ventilation Advancements

As part of our COVID-19 HVAC strategy, we upgraded centralized HVAC systems on the St. George Campus to enhanced MERV-13 filters or the highest compatible with the existing infrastructure.

You can [find the filtration level of central ventilation systems in buildings on the St. George Campus on our website](#). UTM and UTSC will be posting similar information by early August.

We expect that the Ontario Government will release an updated Postsecondary Education Public Health Measures Framework in August. We are confident that with the University's multi-layered plan, U of T will be aligned with the framework and will make adjustments as necessary.

Memo on Legionella Testing at the St. George Campus

Please see [Memo on Legionella Testing at the St. George Campus](#) for more information on Legionella related activities.

12 Ways for a Safe Return to Campus

[The University is implementing 12 ways](#) to ensure the campus is a safe place in which members of the U of T community can study, learn, and work.

F&S continues to partner with you on many of these safety measures. Our teams are updating all COVID-19 signage; finalizing building ventilation upgrades; supporting the vaccination clinic, rapid screening, and wastewater testing operations; and continuing enhanced cleaning protocols. Daily health screening is also in place for those requiring to attend onsite activities.

Our [COVID-19 HVAC strategy](#) has been continually updated to align with public health guidelines and emerging evidence. This strategy complements the test of the safety measures – such as our mask policy – to ensure a well-rounded approach to safety for our fall return to campus.





Ongoing Reminders

Type 3 Asbestos Abatement Work

Type 3 asbestos abatement air sampling results are available on the Asbestos Date website. For more information, please see [Type 3 Asbestos Abatement Information](#).

Supplemental Inspection Checklist during COVID-19

The [Supplemental Inspection Checklist during COVID-19](#) has been updated. Kindly include these items during workplace inspection.

JHSC Newsletter Webpage

For your reference, all previously sent JHSC newsletters can be accessed [here](#).

JHSC Minutes & Inspection Reports

A reminder to send all minutes and inspection reports to ehs.jhsc@utoronto.ca.

Health and Safety Boards

EHS is conducting its annual audits of health and safety boards on campuses, and updating/removing applicable items. Please inform EHS when boards have been installed, relocated, or removed. [A list of required postings](#) and links for download is available from the EHS webpage.

