

### Environmental Health & Safety

MONTHLY JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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# New Items

#### **COVID-19 Fall Planning Update**

The University of Toronto is looking forward to welcoming the community to the campuses and have been working diligently with the U of T community, public health experts and others for a safe return. Given the changing public health landscape, please check <u>COVID-19 Fall Planning Update</u> for updates on return-to-campus plans.

#### Vaccination and Rapid Screening

All members of our community who come onto our campuses in the fall must be <u>fully vaccinated</u> against COVID-19, and will be required to upload proof of vaccination via <u>UCheck</u>. For more information, please see our <u>UTogether</u> webpage.

#### Updated Mask Policy and Other Safety Measures

The University has a <u>12-step plan</u> for a safe return to campus for our entire community. This plan includes many layers of safety measures and was developed based on scientific evidence and with advice from leading public health experts within and outside of the University. The University of Toronto is committee to providing a safe and healthy environment for its faculty and librarians, staff, students, volunteers, visitors, and other community members. We will continue to refine our comprehensive plan as new information becomes available, including updated public health recommendations.

#### Water Testing Schedule for Legionella

A listserv has been developed for those who are interested in receiving updates on when a building is scheduled for testing. If you are interested in receiving updates please follow these steps or contact <u>EHS JHSC</u>:

- 1. Send an email to <u>listserv@listserv.utoronto.ca</u> with your utoronto.ca email
- 2. In the body of the email: Sub EHS-JHSC-NOTIFICATION-L FirstName LastName
- 3. Leave subject line blank and send.

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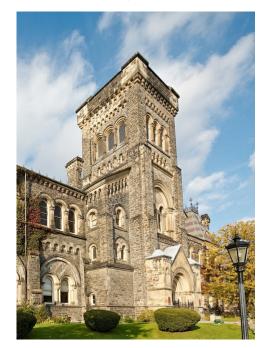
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The <u>In-Class Instruction & Teaching Lab Guideline</u> (ICITL) has been updated to reflect updated regulations. Physical distancing and capacity limits are no longer required for in-person instructional space/activities in post-secondary educational institution but continue to be required outside of classes (e.g. common areas, administrative areas, research). A new section on Compliance was added to provide guidance on handling non-compliance issues involving students.

#### University of Toronto's General Workplace Guidelines

The University's <u>COVID-19 General Workplace Guidelines</u> (GWG) was sent out to JHSC co-chairs on July 10, 2020. Ongoing updates are made to this document to align with provincial and public health guidelines. While drafting, reviewing and approval of institutional guidelines is an employer responsibility, we encourage the JHSCs 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.

You may access the most updated version of the GWG and General Assessment Tool (GAT) on EHS <u>COVID-19 Information</u> webpage. We encourage JHSC members to review and submit any questions or considerations to <u>EHS JHSC</u>.

#### **Important Policies**

We encourage the JHSCs to review the following policies regularly: <u>Policy with Respect to Workplace Harassment</u>, <u>Policy with Respect to</u> <u>Workplace Violence</u>, and <u>Health and Safety Policy</u>.









## **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 <u>Type 3 Asbestos Abatement</u> <u>Information</u>.

#### Supplemental Inspection Checklist during COVID-19

The <u>Supplemental Inspection Checklist during COVID-19</u> has been updated. Kindly include these items during workplace inspection.

#### JHSC Newsletter Webpage

For your reference, all previously sent JHSC newsletters can be accessed <u>here</u>.

#### **JHSC Minutes & Inspection Reports**

A reminder to send all minutes and inspection reports to <u>ehs.jhsceutoronto.ca</u>.

#### **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. <u>A list of required postings</u> and links for download is available from the EHS webpage.

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