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 COVID-19 Fall Planning Update 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 fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and will be required to upload proof of vaccination via UCheck. For more information, please see our UTogether webpage.

Updated Mask Policy and Other Safety Measures
The University has a 12-step plan 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 committed 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 listerv has been developed for those who are interested in receiving updates on a building is scheduled for testing. If you are interested in receiving updates please follow these steps or contact EHS JHSC:
1. Send an email to listservlistserv.utoronto.ca with your utoronto.ca email
2. In the body of the email: Sub EHS-JHSC-NOTIFICATION-FirstName LastName
3. Leave subject line blank and send.
The In-Class Instruction & Teaching Lab Guideline (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 COVID-19 General Workplace Guidelines (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 COVID-19 Information webpage. We encourage JHSC members to review and submit any questions or considerations to EHS JHSC.

Important Policies
We encourage the JHSCs to review the following policies regularly: Policy with Respect to Workplace Harassment, Policy with Respect to Workplace Violence, and Health and Safety Policy.
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.