



SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR UBC FACULTY OF MEDICINE LEARNERS

The UBC Faculty of Medicine is committed to the health, safety, and well-being of our learners, faculty, staff, and the community we serve. This document provides guidelines for Faculty of Medicine Learners who will be returning on-site for in-person education activities (meetings and/or teaching/learning activities) in academic learning spaces that cannot be offered online. These guidelines must be followed to prevent and control the spread of infectious agents such as SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19.

Throughout the current COVID-19 global outbreak, UBC has taken direction on infection prevention from the Provincial Health Office (PHO), the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), and continues to do so. This guidance can be expected to evolve as these agencies continually monitor accumulating scientific evidence to determine how best to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

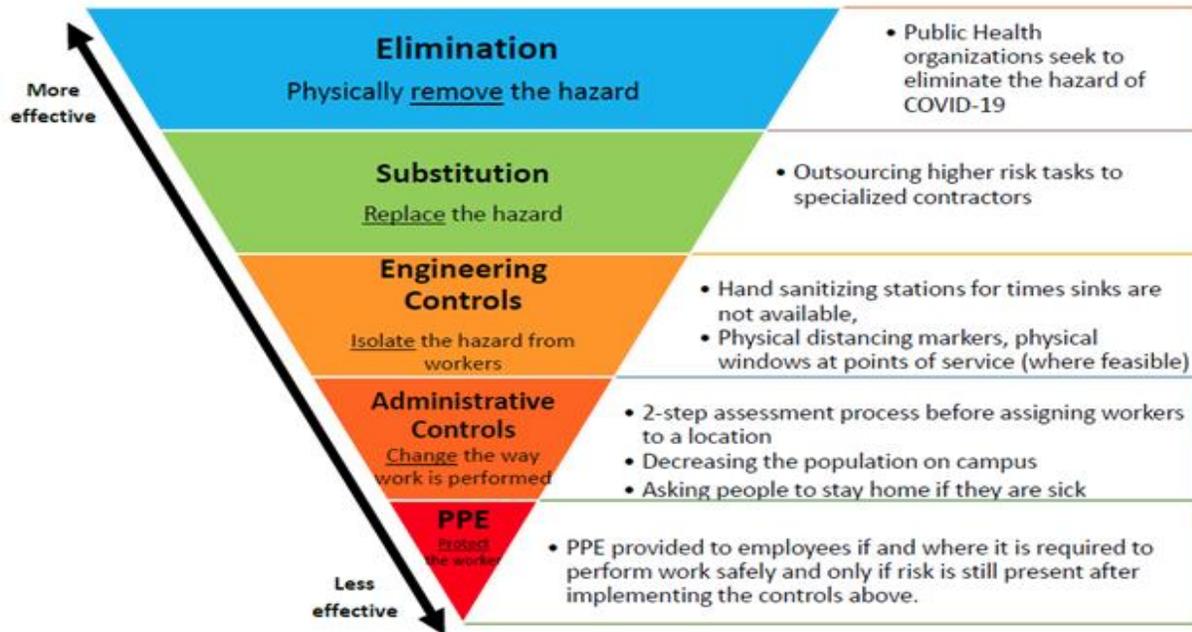
Visit ubc.ca/covid19 for more information about UBC's response to COVID-19, including frequently asked questions.

This document can be disseminated electronically to all UBC Faculty of Medicine learners.



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In order to continue our activities in a safe and conscientious manner, we are implementing protocols to ensure we can safely learn and work on-site (in-person) while doing our part to limit the spread of COVID-19.



GENERAL PREVENTION OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

The following information is being shared with anyone who is resuming on-site (in-person) educational activities:

Physical distancing

- Limit close contact by keeping at least two metres (six feet) away from one another.
- Obey all directional markings on doors and floors. They are there to prevent accidental proximity. Avoid passing others on stairs whenever possible.
- On-site attendance should be limited to required in-person educational activities only. Other activities should continue to be done from home, whenever possible.
- When outside of your home, practice physical distancing.
- If you are ill, have flu like symptoms or have a fever or cough, you must stay home.
- Avoid crowded places and non-essential gatherings.
- Greet people with a wave instead of a handshake.

All persons on site must maintain approximately **2 metres distance** at all times from anyone who is not a member of their household. In the event that other safety considerations require two people to be in close proximity to complete a given task, the educational program will provide further guidance.



To prevent accidental lapses in physical distancing on site, the number of people occupying given spaces in the buildings must be limited. Based on the Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafeBC requirements, occupancy guidelines have been developed for all educational spaces. The exact number of people allowed in a space will depend on a number of factors including the layout of the space and the circulation needs of the activities associated with that space.

Anyone accessing buildings on-site is encouraged to take special care when navigating entrances/exits, corridors, and blind corners. If the maximum occupancy for an indoor space has been reached and another person attempts to enter the space, those already in the space should politely communicate this to the person attempting entry.

Assess your health before attending on-site (in-person) activities

Do not attend on-site (in-person) activities if you feel unwell and alert your instructor or program staff as soon as possible. We recommend that learners use the [BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool](#) on a daily basis and/or before leaving your home to participate in any on-site (in-person) activities. If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, you must self-isolate and contact 811. Contact tracing will be done by the Provincial Public Health Authority. Common COVID-19 symptoms according to the [BCCDC](#) are:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Tiredness
- Loss of taste/smell
- Sore throat

If a member of your household has symptoms of COVID-19, do not return to on-site activities.

If you have traveled within the past 2 weeks outside of Canada, or to a high-risk region within Canada, follow current [provincial guidelines](#) for self-quarantine before returning to on-site activities.

Hand sanitizing

Please review the location of hand hygiene stations in the academic learning spaces you will be based at. These are commonly placed near the main entrances to buildings and by the elevators, and hand washing with soap and water can be practiced in washrooms.

Sanitize your hands when entering the building and before leaving. Frequently wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer station throughout the day.

- Greet people with a wave instead of a handshake.
- Avoid touching your face except immediately after hand washing.
- Cough or sneeze into your own arm.
- Provide training materials in electronic form to avoid the passing of documents between participants.



Maintain a sanitized environment

Follow instructions given related to shared spaces or equipment. This may include cleaning with disinfectant after use, ensuring that any points of contact or potential contamination are covered.

Personal Protective Equipment

- PPE requirements will be identified in risk assessment of each unit-level safety plan.
- For tasks requiring PPE, appropriate equipment will be provided.
- Tasks that do not normally require PPE will not be supplied with masks, unless a particular site/Health Authority requires it.
- The Faculty of Medicine asks all users to be respectful of students, faculty and staff wearing masks.
- Signage will be provided to remind users to use these upon entering and leaving the buildings.

Emergency Procedures

- In the event of an emergency, standard site emergency procedures are to be followed, while adhering, as best as possible, to physical distancing practices.
- Call emergency response in case of urgent medical or safety situations:
 - Hazardous Material Response (Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services): 911
 - UBC Hospital Urgent Care (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.): 604-822-7662
 - Poison Control Centre: 604-682-5050
 - Campus Security (For an Emergency call 911): 604-822-2222
 - Fire, Police, or Ambulance: 911

Training

- All learners will be expected to complete any required training developed by the University or Faculty of Medicine as soon as these courses are available.

Safety Concerns

- All learners are encouraged to discuss safety concerns with their preceptor, program, or Faculty of Medicine Health & Safety.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

- Occupants who have concerns about compliance, or have any related questions, can contact members of their [Local Safety Teams](#) (LSTs) or a member of the [Faculty of Medicine Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee](#).