University of Saskatchewan’s Framework for a
Staged Approach to Increasing Activity in University Spaces
May 22, 2020

This framework outlines a staged return to all activity at the university including research, teaching and learning, and support service operations that must be conducted in university spaces, including our physical campuses and university-operated properties and sites. The framework applies to activities involving faculty, staff, and students as well as any contractors. Given the broad range of university activity, this document will reference or highlight specific areas as needed.

As this staged increase progresses, we continue to encourage as much remote work as possible, recognizing the strains, additional caregiving, and other responsibilities we are experiencing right now. The Framework document speaks to varying activities undertaken:

- References to teaching and learning are meant to include access to campus in order to develop learning resources (faculty, instructors, support staff). Within the domain of academic programming, the process for making decisions about which classes will be delivered remotely and what exceptions will be made for face-to-face delivery are described in an appended flowchart.
- References to operations are meant to include operations, administration, capital projects and support services (in general). The term operations is used to cover a wide range of activities across colleges and administrative units.
- As one exception to this Framework approach, research at field locations outside of our physical campuses and university-operated field sites continues to be subject to our Field Work Decision Tree and Expectations Guide, which continues to be updated as the situation evolves.

This Framework approach has been developed alongside the Saskatchewan Re-Open plan. We gratefully acknowledge insights from many other institutions in shaping this document, including other U15 institutions, the University of California system, the University of Washington, and King’s College London.

Questions about the Framework document can be sent to Danette Stang (danette.stang@usask.ca).

Goal

To keep everyone involved in university activity healthy and safe, while increasing activity in a staged approach as health and safety becomes easier to maintain.

Principles

The principles for decision-making include:

(1) Value, protect and support our people. We will seek and implement the best guidance possible for the health and safety of our students and employees, and to ensure the return of people to campus will be done in a conscious, careful, and methodical way. We will strive to minimize financial hardship to employees when contemplating reward and employment strategies, and ensure that all legal and regulatory obligations are fully considered. In doing so, we will:

   a. Adhere to all relevant public health directives and the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan regarding allowable timelines for lifting restrictions for specific activities.

      i. Directives became more restrictive over time when they were implemented, and we can expect the loosening will look similar in reverse, only much slower.
b. Allow re-activation of necessary activity, while respecting the limits required by the evolving situation, and while understanding the potential to return to stricter limits should the situation require. Work that can be done from a distance should be, in order to protect the health and safety of those required to come to campus.

c. Protect the physical, mental and emotional health and safety of all faculty, staff, students, and those external members involved in university activity (e.g., clinical patients, research participants, contractors) by minimizing risk and potential exposure.

   i. Procedural requirements/rules stemming from this principle include:

      1. Only activities approved through the prescribed process outlined in Appendix A will be permitted on campus. The Pandemic Recovery Team (PRT) and Crisis Operations Team (COT) must be made aware of all activities within on-site university spaces and university-operated properties and sites.

      2. Safety within buildings and grounds on campuses must be rigorously maintained, with adequate access to, training for, and use of PPE and other safety-related supplies, or the activity will shut down.

      3. People Leaders must identify whom among their workforce is considered essential personnel, and they must retain responsibility for their workforce.

      4. Similarly, Principal Investigators are expected to limit their on-campus workforce to essential personnel only and ensure they fulfill their obligations as supervisors under The Occupational Health and Safety Act.

      5. Faculty, staff, or students who feel uncomfortable about their work situation, for whatever reason, need to know that they can confidentially report their concerns to Safety Resources (email to safetyresources@usask.ca or 966-4675) or call the confidential safe disclosure line (1-844-966-3250). These concerns will be appropriately addressed through engagement with the PRT.

      6. In matters involving research, the Research Services and Ethics Office (RSEO) can also be accessed if there are concerns about safety in conducting research.

(2) Deliver the academic and research mission of the University of Saskatchewan. We continue our important academic, research, and community engagement work as the University the World Needs.

   a. Continually strive to allow as much core mission activity as possible to proceed without disruption, while respecting the necessary limits required by the evolving situation, and while understanding the potential to return to stricter limits should the situation require.

(3) Support Student Success. We prioritize students’ academic progress and providing them with the supports they need, and we strive to minimize adverse impacts to their academic progress.

   a. For research activity, priority for approval will be given to graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and early career researchers. The current disruptions will present challenges to researchers at all seniority levels, but will have the greatest impact on graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and early career researchers. We need to mitigate these challenges by prioritizing their research projects whenever possible.

      i. Principal investigators are encouraged to assess the scheduling needs of their trainees, recognizing that many of these individuals have families and may be primary caregivers, and may therefore need flexibility with scheduling, if possible.

      ii. While undergraduates are students first and researchers second, many students start building research skills through summer internships and other research experiences, so this cannot be overlooked.

(4) Ensure the University of Saskatchewan’s long-term excellence and financial sustainability. We are responsible not just for the university’s success today, but for its long-term sustainable future, and we
will actively seek opportunities to improve the way we deliver on our mission. CoVID-19 will have a significant negative impact on the university’s financial situation on both a one-time basis and ongoing. Significant and immediate actions are required that support long-term cost reductions and revenue enhancements to protect the university’s longer-term financial sustainability and reputation.

(5) **Engage and Contribute.** We will effectively contribute to the province’s efforts to respond to the rapidly shifting public health situation and the province’s recovery, while also contributing to global efforts to address the coronavirus pandemic.

(6) **Acknowledge Impact.** We recognize and appreciate that the decisions the university makes and the actions taken may have an impact on our external communities. We are committed to factoring that impact into the ongoing decision-making on our staged approach to increasing activity.

(7) **Communicate with our community.** We will share our COVID-19 status, plans, and actions around increased activity with key internal and external stakeholders to ensure transparency and timeliness.
   a. Ensure all information required to keep all USask stakeholders appropriately informed of activity status and approved changes is shared and available on a timely basis.
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| #1    | COVID-19 cases rising.  
Ongoing concerns about PPE shortages.  
Public health directives remain stringent.  
University resources needed to support Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA).  
Other universities continue to strictly limit on-campus research activity.  
Caregiving services, including childcare centres, are not available. | Campus activity allowed for research on COVID-19, clinical care, and ongoing animal/plant/living organism studies.  
Research activity allowed in other exceptional cases, as approved by deans and the VPR.  
Strict expectations for health and safety plans, including minimum personnel, physical distancing, and disinfecting plans and training. | Campus activity allowed to support essential operations related to:  
1) maintaining safety and security of campus infrastructure (heating plant, protective services), regulatory or financial requirements (waste disposal, stores, treasury).  
2) teaching, learning and student supports (residence, on-line instruction).  
3) research supports (COVID-19, clinical care, and ongoing animal/plant/living organism studies).  
Activity allowed in exceptional cases, as approved by VPFR on advice from PRT.  
Strict expectations for health and safety plans, including minimum personnel, physical distancing, disinfecting plans and training, and exposure control plan. | Faculty and support staff involved in the development and delivery of the academic programming all working remotely.  
Academic programs for spring and summer delivered remotely.  
All student supports and services offered remotely.  
Any incremental on-campus activity allowed in exceptional cases, as approved by the Provost on advice from PRT.  
Strict expectations for health and safety plans, including minimum personnel, physical distancing, and disinfecting plans and training. | Mid-March to Mid-May |
**Preparation for next stage:**
- **COVID-19 Safety Manual completed and available (including requirement for all faculty, instructors, staff, students, and contractors returning to campus to register for and complete the COVID-19 Health and Safety Course online, and incorporating clear information about the Occupational Health and Safety obligations and liability)**
- **System established for screening and monitoring on-campus personnel for symptoms**
- **Proper (necessary) PPE and other safety supplies not needed by the healthcare system are made available and personnel trained on proper use**
- **Necessary operational staff and resources in place (e.g., Maintenance and Custodial; Facilities; Procurement; Safety)**
- **Approved process in place for determining which activities can resume or begin**
- **Approved process in place for determining which services and supports are required on campus in the next stage**

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<td>COVID-19 cases within the province are low and largely flattened. Sufficient PPE and other safety supplies available. Public health directives remain stringent but do not explicitly impede or conflict with approved activities on campus proceeding. University resources still needed to support SHA but not to the extent that some increased activity on campus will present problems.</td>
<td>Restriction on campus activity loosened to allow more time-sensitive and deadline-driven research, where continued delay jeopardizes viability of the research, but with significant ongoing limitations. Priority given to graduate students and postdocs close to completing their degree or term of appointment. Priority also given to projects involving funders (including industry partners) that have not granted leniency and</td>
<td>Restriction on campus activity loosened to allow more time-sensitive and deadline-driven operations, where continued delay jeopardizes viability or contractual obligations, but with significant ongoing limitation. Consideration of supporting bookstore and retail service in accordance with Provincial timelines. Priority also given to projects with contractual obligations or those that directly support the infrastructure for remote delivery.</td>
<td>Restrictions on campus activity are loosened to allow for increased opportunities to visit campus (e.g., office, lab, classroom, studio) to develop learning resources that cannot be done remotely. Access considered only for those preparing to teach classes in the fall of 2020 (includes faculty, postdocs, graduate students) where campus access is deemed essential, and access considered on a request/approval basis only for discrete visits.</td>
<td>Mid-May and June (estimated)</td>
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Other universities moving in the direction of allowing more activity on campus. Caregiving services, including childcare centres, remain largely unavailable.

whose end dates are within three months If access to facilities (e.g., lab space) needs to be scheduled, consideration of primary caregiving responsibilities as well as individuals with disabilities who may require accommodations. Some increased library research supports (e.g., the Library is working on a plan to provide access to physical materials, including the creation of procedures for contact-less pick-up of requested material and potentially a “scan-and-send” service for portions of books following fair dealing guidelines). Researchers must be prepared for the need to modify, scale back or shut down, if needed.

Expanded on-campus safety resources to support preparations for increased on-site operations and conduct fire and life safety system equipment inspections. Strict expectations for health and safety plans, including minimum personnel, physical distancing, and disinfecting plans and training and exposure control plan.

Access to physical library material (e.g., allowing faculty to order books and materials with contact-less pick up, “scan and send” service for portions of books following fair dealing guidelines). Faculty and staff must be prepared for the need to modify, scale back or shut down, if needed.

**Preparation for next stage:**
- System for screening and monitoring on-campus personnel for symptoms can be scaled up
- PPE and other safety supplies are increasingly available
- Approved process for determining services and supports needed in next stage updated and support/services (e.g., maintenance and custodial, student-focused, research-focused) have capacity to accommodate needs associated with increase campus activity in the next stage
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<td>COVID-19 cases in the province remain low. Significant testing and identification of new cases, with appropriate self-isolation. PPE and other safety supplies increasingly available. Public health directives loosening somewhat more. University resources still supporting SHA in some respects, but able to support increased activity on campus. Caregiving services, including childcare centres, increasingly available. Other universities moving in the direction of allowing more activity.</td>
<td>Additional time-sensitive and deadline-driven research approved as circumstances allow for more on-campus activity. Limited, staggered office access allowed for faculty, postdocs and grad students (e.g., 1-2 days per week) to allow for focused work, psychological relief and family harmony (with physical distancing, disinfecting practices, and established maximum occupancies). If access to facilities (e.g., lab space) needs to be scheduled, consideration of primary caregiving responsibilities as well as individuals with disabilities who may require accommodations. Researchers must be prepared for the need to modify, scale back or shut down, if needed.</td>
<td>Activities approved that did not quite make the cut in stage 2 (similar decision-making guidance as #2, but with increased capacity compared to scenario #2). Limited, staggered office access allowed for workforce (e.g., 1-2 days per week) to allow for focused work, psychological relief and family harmony (with physical distancing, disinfecting practices, and established maximum occupancies, exposure control plan). Limited access to students and faculty to University Library spaces and in-person services. Re-opening of some services with appropriate protocols such as physical distancing, disinfecting plans, exposure control plan and training.</td>
<td>Limited, staggered but more regularized office/lab access allowed for faculty and staff (includes postdocs or graduate students who are also teaching) For example, 1-2 days per week) to allow for focused work (with physical distancing, disinfecting practices, and established maximum occupancies). Such access must still be sought and approved. Limited access to students and faculty to University Library spaces and in-person services. Faculty and staff must be prepared for the need to modify, scale back or shut down, if needed.</td>
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**Preparation for next stage:**
- System for screening and monitoring on-campus personnel for symptoms can be scaled up
- PPE and other safety supplies are increasingly available
Required services and supports are in place (e.g., maintenance and custodial, student-focused, research-focused) and have capacity to accommodate needs associated with increase campus activity for the fall.

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<td>COVID-19 cases in the province remain low. Widespread testing and identification of new cases, with appropriate self-isolation. PPE and other safety supplies widely available. Public health directives increasingly relaxed though precautionary measures remain. Childcare options available for parents. Continued international travel restrictions anticipated.</td>
<td>Continued expansion of research on campus to now allow non-time sensitive research, while maintaining physical distancing and disinfecting practices. Researchers must be prepared for the need to modify, scale back or shut down, if needed.</td>
<td>Continued expansion of operations on campus, while maintaining physical distancing, disinfecting plans, exposure control plan and training.</td>
<td>Continued expansion of teaching and learning activities on campus, while maintaining physical distancing and disinfecting practices. Remote provision will be the norm for academic programming enabling access for international students or those wishing or needing to remain resident in communities without access to a physical U of S campus. Approval of on campus teaching and learning activities anticipated to be undertaken by course type or level, rather than for each individual course. Faculty and staff must be prepared for the need to modify, scale back or shut down, if needed.</td>
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<td>#5</td>
<td>Effective vaccine widely available and used in combination with widespread testing and identification of new COVID-19 cases, with appropriate self-isolation. Full lifting of international travel restrictions.</td>
<td>All types of research allowed on campus.</td>
<td>All types of work and activity allowed on campus.</td>
<td>All types of on-campus teaching and learning activities allowed on campus. Anticipated that remote activities will continue where tenable, for the remainder of the academic year to enable access for students unable to relocate to U of S campus.</td>
<td>TBD - Likely not until 2021</td>
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Process

Given anticipated (and already encountered) requests to increased activity within stages 2, 3 and 4, we will follow structured processes. The process outlined below covers much of the university’s activity. A flow chart mapping this process can be found in Appendix A. Recommendations and finalized decision-making processes for delivery mode of courses in the fall of 2020 (Appendix B for flowchart) and increased research activity (Appendix C for flowchart) will follow slightly modified streams.

1. Normally, a request for increased activity comes from a Dean/Executive Director or AVP/Vice-Provost signalling that the request is considered, by that leader, to be of sufficient priority at the time of submission to warrant the compilation of material and necessary review.

2. Applications for increased activity will proceed as follows:
   a. A common approach for research, operations, and teaching and learning development activity will be used, which requires application for the resumption or commencement of activity, using a form (See Appendix C) outlining the following:
      i. The location of the activity;
      ii. The nature of the activity;
      iii. The reason it should (re)start without delay;
      iv. Any consequences of further delaying the work;
      v. The members of the team (where applicable);
      vi. The amount of on-campus time required by each individual and in the case where additional individuals are needed, information about whether there will be overlap in time on campus;
      vii. Service requirements (Facilities (e.g., custodial), Safety, Procurement, Student Services, etc);
      viii. Agreement to follow the COVID-19 Safety and Expectations Manual (or explanation of why deviation is necessary and the associated mitigation strategy); and
      ix. A contingency plan in the event the work must end (e.g., due to renewed government restrictions or illness amongst team members).
   b. Additional requirements for applications to increase research activity will request the following information be provided:
      i. For increased research activity, college/schools/centres may also have a more detailed forms that technical staff and/or lab managers can use to prepare labs for resumption of research activity.
      ii. Key prioritization criteria checkboxes. Examples include:
         1. Involvement of trainees;
         2. Projects near completion;
         3. Grants or industry contracts that cannot be extended;
         4. Need for preliminary data to prepare for a critical grant application; and
         5. High-risk to study materials, organisms, or data accuracy if research is delayed.
      iii. Any special scheduling needs or accommodations of all research team members may have (e.g., caregiving responsibilities or accommodations for disabilities).
      iv. Required acknowledgement of faculty-supervisor obligations and liability under Occupational Health and Safety legislation

3. The application for increased activity is then submitted for a formal review and sign-off by the Crisis Operations Team (COT). This review may require additional information be collected.
   a. Applications for increased research activity must also include confirmation from the Research Services and Ethics Office that there are no valid impediments to the activity proceeding prior to the VPR’s final approval.
4. Following the sign-off from COT, the Dean/Executive Director or AVP/Vice-Provost (or other unit lead) conducts a review, prioritization and makes a recommendation to the PRT regarding direction for action.
   a. As noted above, the role of PRT is modified, with representatives included in advisory committee processes, for decisions regarding delivery mode of classes or increased research activity (Appendices B and C, respectively).

5. The PRT (or a delegated subgroup) reviews, prioritizes and makes a decision (unless otherwise noted). An affirmative decision from PRT confirms that there are no valid impediments to the activity proceeding and to set a target date for resumption of activity, to ensure proper coordination across campus.

6. In some instances, it may be appropriate for PEC to consider an appeal of a PRT decision.

7. Approved applicants will be provided with a “COVID-19 Safety Permit” (Appendix D) that confirms they have been approved to resume or commence activity.

8. Communication of approved activity to be communicated where appropriate.

Criteria for Approving Increased Activity

1. Government restrictions do not impede the activity from proceeding
2. Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety supplies available for the individuals and the team (where applicable).
3. The activity complies with the COVID-19 Safety and Expectations Manual (or, if deviation is absolutely necessary, an acceptable mitigation strategy is clearly articulated and approved by Safety Resources)
4. With respect to approval of research activity, specific priority will be given to research projects:
   a. Involving trainees;
   b. Near completion;
   c. Involving grants or industry contracts that cannot be extended;
   d. Needed for preliminary data to prepare a grant application; and
   e. Presenting high-risk to study materials, organisms or data accuracy if the research is delayed.
5. With respect to approval of teaching and learning activity, specific priority will be given to activity focused on the development of learning resources and preparation for classes delivered in the fall of 2020.
Appendix A
Decision-Making Flow Chart for Increasing Activity

Goal: make the return plan as safe and effective as possible

Key considerations: activity being undertaken, location, time & dates on campus, traffic flow, safety plan, appropriateness of PPE, supporting services required, renovations/construction, resource consumption, reduced activity plans in the event of an outbreak

Goal: Prioritize the college/unit activity that should return to campus across all areas of teaching, research and operations.

Key considerations: Principles and criteria defined by PRT/PEC, identified funding source for new cost associated with the return plan, necessary supporting services, alternate mode of performing the activity, phase during which the activity should return.

Review considering: alignment with principles and criteria, phase during which this activity should return, government and health directives, strategic prioritization of the activities across the university, supports necessary for this activity to return, supply chain and resource utilization implications, implications to existing reduced activity plans, and review costs/funding sources associated with the plans.

Approve principles and criteria that determine return activity, arbitrate exceptional return activity that was not approved by PRT, determine when we move to new phase.

Key considerations: strategic prioritization of the activities that return during each phases, resource availability, and fallback planning

Academic Program Development for Fall/Student Supports, Operations/Admin/Capital, and Stakeholder Relations activity appropriate for resumption during the current phase.

Adjustments based on review

Recommendations based on monitoring

Safe, effective and supported return plan with signoff from COT

Signoff/review documents proceed to university wide review / consider need for prioritization

From PEC: Review prior decisions and recommend alternations to principles and criteria for use in decisions.

From PRT: Summary of activity that was approved/denied

Appeal for exception to return

Approved / Return permit

Activation support team (if needed)

Monitoring team

Remain at current activity level
Appendix B
Decision-Making Flowchart – Academic Planning – Class Delivery Mode

Goal: Review of academic programs and provide recommendations about delivery mode

Goal: Decide on the suitability of recommendations for delivery on campus.

Note: Decision are subject to logistical review for consistency across academic units and logistical feasibility.

Key considerations: Principles and criteria defined by PRT/PEC, identified funding source for new cost associated with the return plan, necessary supporting services, alternate mode of performing the activity, phase during which the activity should return.

Goal: Logistical review for consistency across academic units and logistical feasibility

Membership: Patti McDougall (for the Provost), representation from Deans and representation from PRT and COT

Department Heads

Deans

Submit decisions for logistical preparation and review

Academic Advisory Committee Review

Recommendations to address consistency / coordination concerns
Appendix C
Decision-Making Flowchart – Resuming Research Activity on Campus

Goal: Decide on suitability of recommendations for increased activity. Note: Decisions are subject to next-step logistical review, including for consistency across academic units.

Key considerations: Principles and prioritization criteria defined by PRT/PEC, identified funding source for any new cost associated with the return plan, necessary supporting services, alternate mode of performing the activity, phase during which the activity should return.

Goal: make the return plan as safe and effective as possible.

Key considerations: activity being undertaken, location, time & dates on campus, traffic flow, safety plan, appropriateness of PPE, supporting services, renovations/construction, protective equipment consumption, ability to halt activity in case of incidents

Goal: logistical review for consistency and coordination across the university.

Membership: Darcy Mardniuk, Dion Martens, Irena Creed, representatives from ADIs

Deans

COT formal review and signoff

Research Advisory Committee Review

Department Head, ADR, or Dean

Researcher request to return or increase activity on campus.

Adjustments based on review

Logistical review of increased activity plan

Recommendations to address consistency / coordination concerns
Appendix D - COVID-19 Safety Permit Application for Increased Activity
(Note: The application materials continue to be refined with on-going feedback)

REQUEST TO (RE-)START WORK ON CAMPUS AND AT FIELD SITES

Faculty/Supervisor
Department/Unit

Prior Approval

Indicate if this work is already in progress due to a current essential work approval. You will still be issued a new permit.

Prior Approval

Y/N

Briefly describe the nature of the work:


Briefly describe why continuing this work is time-sensitive. Specifically, what are the consequences of not resuming and/or suspending this work?


Prioritization criteria

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Please outline your contingency plan in the event that you and/or your collaborators and research personnel cannot continue the work (e.g., due to illness, new government restrictions, or other factors beyond your control).
Workers and Locations

All workers authorized on the permit, including the permit holder must take the online course COVID-19 Health and Safety course and Lab workers must review the Laboratory Safety Manual: COVID-19 Pandemic Supplement.

**Applicant (Permit Holder)**

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Personnel shall only access and utilize designated spaces outlined above.

**Describe the Work Schedule**

Operations need to be altered or postponed as needed to maintain physical distancing. This may include limiting room capacity by postponing work or working in shifts.

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Anticipated Start Date

Anticipated End Date

Comments:


Exposure Control Plan

The Exposure Control Plan COVID-19 (ECP) describes how to minimize exposure of all workers to infectious SARS-CoV-2 and the resulting COVID-19 disease. This plan is part of compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety regulations, 1996, Section 85. Each working group must complete an ECP based on the nature of their work and potential exposure to COVID-19. Control measures need to be combined to maximize the health and safety of workers although some risk of risk will remain. Once completed, the plan must be posted with the permit in a central location within the work location.

PPE

PPE use may or may not be related to COVID-19 workplace precautions, but some types of PPE are in short supply do to increased demand. Costs may be substantially increased above pre-COVID levels. Enterprise Procurement can help you find the equipment you require, contact them at 306-966-2000. Safety Resources can help you determine the required PPE (safetyresources@usask.ca).

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Is any PPE subject to re-use or extended use? [ ]

if Yes, see the PPE reuse guide

Comments:

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of illness during an outbreak.

Able to keep 2 meters between occupants at all times including during transportation? [Y/N]

If no, describe the circumstances and additional measures used to protect occupants (i.e. cloth masks, plexiglass shields):

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Hand Hygiene

Ensure staff are practicing proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette, including: Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly dirty and handwashing isn't available. Only use hand sanitizer approved by Health Canada (DIN or NPN number). Avoid touching your face, mouth, nose and eyes. Cough or sneeze into a tissue, then immediately dispose of the tissue and wash hands. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.

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Are sinks with liquid soap and paper towels available near all work locations to allow for increased handwashing frequency?

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Is hand sanitizer part of the hygiene plan? Hand washing is preferred over hand sanitizer use when possible.

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Cleaning and Disinfection

The COVID-19 virus can survive for several days on different surfaces and objects. Frequent cleaning and disinfection are important to prevent the spread of the disease. Workplaces must implement enhanced environmental cleaning. Commonly touched areas and shared equipment must be cleaned and disinfected at least twice daily, or when visibly soiled. Wherever possible, discourage workers from sharing phones, desks, offices, and other tools and equipment. Clothing and fabric items must be laundered and dried on the highest temperature setting possible. Ensure items are thoroughly dried.

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- Disinfectant available
- Disinfection log posted
- PPE disinfection plan
- Staff assigned disinfection duties (Min 2x per day)

Common disinfectants include bleach solutions, quaternary ammonium (QUAT), alcohol (70%), and peroxide solutions. College/Units are responsible for disinfecting their own work spaces including labs and the associated costs. If suitable cleaning solutions are not available, Enterprise Procurement has disinfectant available for distribution, contact them at 306-966-4501.

Summarize the disinfection plan:

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Other Considerations

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- Is a working alone plan/after hours plan is available?
- Do workers understand the COVID-19 symptoms self-monitoring requirements.
- Will all workers will review this Exposure Control Plan
Appendix E – Safety Permit for the Resumption of Activities

COVID-19 Safety Permit

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**Permit Conditions:**

All authorized workers will perform only the work authorized under this permit application, and will work only in the locations listed on this permit. Physical distancing, disinfection, health surveillance, and other measures listed in the permit application, other Usask guidances, and public health orders must be adhered to by all workers. Supervisors must fulfill their responsibilities under The Occupational Health and Safety Act. Permitted activities are subject to inspection and compliance enforcement under the Usask Health and Safety Policy, non-compliance may result in a suspension of the permit.

Permit Holder Signature: ____________________________