University of Manitoba
Rady Faculty of Health Sciences
Town Hall - Impacts of COVID-19

February 26, 2021
COVID-19 SITUATION AS OF FEBRUARY 24_21

- 75 people in hospital with active COVID-19 and 121 in hospital with COVID-19 who are no longer infectious
- Provincial test positivity 4.3 percent and Winnipeg test positivity is 3.8 percent
- Current Public Health Orders are expiring next week

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COVID-19 SITUATION AS OF FEBRUARY 24_21

• Variants of concern are slowing arising in our province with 5 of the UK variant being reported in Winnipeg only at this time

• Definition of close contact reduced from 15 minutes to 10 minutes. Self isolation requirements have changed.

• Current Public Health Orders are expiring next week

• Access to vaccine is improving and first general population immunizations are starting this week

• Second dose delay is more acceptable

• Pfizer freezer storage requirement are less restrictive
COVID-19 CASES IN RADY FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES (BEGINNING OF FALL TERM)

- 89 COVID-19 positive cases across all University of Manitoba campuses
- 49 in Rady FHS (55% of total cases at UM - does not seem to be acquired on site and no cluster cases)
  - Dentistry- 2
  - Medicine- 23
  - Nursing- 21
  - Rehabilitation Sciences- 2
  - Pharmacy- 0
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AND STUDENT IMMUNIZERS

• Over 300 students in Rady FHS signed up to participate in COVID-19 vaccination efforts

• Confusion around eligibility and training required

• Vaccine Eligibility is expanding as supply increases
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS EFFORTS FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES

• Ongomiizwin will be organizing vaccination efforts for First Nations Communities in Manitoba

• Will required 300-400 vaccinators to participate in this effort

• Will be seeking faculty and student participation in next few days
COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

- Will be tracking students being immunized for COVID-19
- Similar to other immunization requirements in our programs
- Self declaration by student and reported to respective programs
- May be used to inform placement decisions in future
GRADUAL REOPENING ON CAMPUS

• NJM Library reopened for study hall
• Joe Doupe Recreation Centre facilities reopened
• Tim’s food services reopened
• Study spaces available for students at Bannatyne including Fort Garry Rady FHS students
SPACE AND FACILITY ACCESS

• Over 100 lunch spaces in Brodie centre at Bannatyne
• After hours access through Brodie Centre, Apotex and Dentistry
• BMSB access from HSC
• Tunnel access
• Parking permit access for students
• Reduced parking for staff and faculty with on site responsibilities
COMMUNICATION

- Continue to meet regularly with College Deans to discuss COVID-19 issues
- Meetings with Directors, Managers and Administrators to provide COVID-19 updates from the meetings with College Deans
- Overarching communication through Rady communications to the groups impacted
- Rady COVID-19 website updated regularly
IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON BUDGETS

- 1.75% budget cut expected from Government
- $1.2 million in COVID-19 related costs incurred in Rady FHS- no decision yet on whether we will get support from Central COVID-19 fund to cover this
- Vacation carryover banks are high due to shutdowns, travel restrictions and operational challenges during COVID-19. Planning through Rady FHS to address this issue consistently across the faculty.
MASKS AND PPE

- Rady FHS supported mask fit testing for 1300 Rady FHS students
- Looking for Shared Health to take on this commitment for students moving forward. If not available will look to build our own capacity.
- Masking increased in Clinical Skills settings only to Level 3 masks
- Everyone on site in Rady FHS must wear 3 ply masks or medical grade masks at all times except when eating or drinking
- Face shields are being acquired to replace eye protection previously supplied by Rady FHS
WINTER TERM AND SUMMER TERM UPDATES

• Over 300 reports of students going for COVID-19 testing or self-isolating

• Has resulted in Winter Term and Graduation Date changes in some programs in Rady FHS

• Summer term will be delivered remotely with some exceptions

• Approvals for in person activity for Summer Term have been received
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND IMPACT ON PROGRAMS

• 14 day self isolation required for any travel outside of the Province of Manitoba

• PGME electives paused until March 31, 2021 - will be reviewed again at that time

• OT/PT out of province placements are paused and being considered on a case by case basis
OUTBREAK COMMUNICATION PROCESS

• Worked with Shared Health on Developing a COVID-19 outbreak notification process for educational institutions

• OESH takes the lead on following up with our students to ensure a consistent message to all impacted

• OESH continues to provide screening for all Rady FHS students when off due to COVID-19 testing or self-isolating

• Reports of students, staff and faculty going for testing has dropped dramatically in the new year
RESEARCH

- Request from Rady FHS researchers to ramp up research beyond 30%
- Forwarded this on to Central Admin for approval
- Level 1 medical grade masks and face shields required in Rady FHS research labs - provided by Rady FHS at no charge to research grant
- Compliance is responsibility of PI and Department Head
- Non compliance will mean the individual is not allowed on campus for in person research activity
STUDENT ACCESS TO CAMPUS

• Students have requested after hours access to spaces on campus to practise skills
• Require central approval to proceed
• One student must be appointed a Deputy and ensure names of students participating in sessions is recorded and safety protocols are followed
• Students must self screen before attending after hours activity on campus
IT TO SUPPORT REMOTE LEARNING, RESEARCH AND WORKING FROM HOME

• Transition to Office 365 complete

• Will complete a review of Microsoft Office Teams and Zoom use and see how we can transition more activity to Teams if possible. Teams is no cost where Zoom has an attached cost.

• We currently have more than 500 Zoom licenses funded by Rady provided to individuals in Rady FHS.

• ExamSoft will continue to be supported for remote exam delivery
OUTLOOK FOR FALL 2021

• One year since we have been dealing with COVID-19 pandemic
• 3rd wave and vaccinations
• Mix of in person and remote teaching
• Masking and cleaning measures
• Central to make a decision on Fall teaching in the next few weeks
• Has been exhausting for everyone
• Will need to continue to adapt as the COVID-19 pandemic unfolds
Questions

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