COVID-19: INFORMAL LEARNING SPACES SAFETY PLAN

UBCO has a variety of spaces that are available for students to use for informal learning. These spaces include general informal learning spaces in the Commons, Arts, EME and UNC buildings. In addition to the informal (‘drop-in’) learning spaces, there are a variety of bookable informal learning spaces that are available to students in the Commons and EME buildings.

Students may book study space at: https://library.ok.ubc.ca/spaces/book-study-space/

This plan identifies the measures that have been put in place, and the expectations of students to follow when using these spaces, in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

Health Screening:
As outlined in the UBC COVID-19 Campus Rules: All students, faculty, staff, and others must assess themselves daily for COVID-19 symptoms prior to engaging in in-person UBC activities on UBC Premises. A list of COVID-19 symptoms can be found here.

Physical Distancing:
All of these spaces have been rearranged to provide an environment that allows for physical distancing (a minimum of 2 metre spacing between seats) between all occupants (per posted occupancies). Students are asked to pay attention to COVID-19 signs and to follow circulation routes while navigating entrances, hallways and other common areas within buildings.

General Spaces
Informal learning spaces have been set up for individual study purposes in Commons, EME, Arts and UNC. These spaces have been assessed for occupancy purposes and furniture rearranged to provide for physical distancing. Users shall not move or rearrange furniture.

Bookable Spaces
Bookable Informal learning spaces have been set up for individual and small group (generally max 2) study purposes in Commons, and EME. These spaces have been assessed for occupancy purposes and furniture rearranged to provide for physical distancing. Users shall not move or rearrange furniture.

Cleaning and Hygiene:
Facilities management provides enhanced cleaning once a day (usually evening) that includes wiping down high touch surfaces (door handles, table tops, etc.). In addition, there are ‘cleaning stations’ positioned within each informal learning space to allow for supplementary cleaning of high touch surfaces and hand sanitization by occupants (paper towel, cleaner, hand sanitizer, use instructions).

Face Coverings / Non-Medical Masks:

General Spaces
- Non-medical face masks must be worn at all times.

Bookable Spaces
- Where a single occupant has booked and is using a bookable study space, they may choose to not wear a non-medical mask.
- Where there are multiple occupants of a bookable study space, occupants must wear a non-medical face mask.

Please be respectful to those that are unable to wear a non-medical mask.

For more information see guidance at hse.ok@ubc.ca or contact ready.ok@ubc.ca.