

Weekly WHRI Community Update – July 16, 2021

*Sent on behalf of Dr. Lori Brotto, Executive Director, WHRI*

Dear WHRI community,

I believe strongly that research institutes play an important role in sharing science, in an accessible way, with the public. For the past few years, we at the WHRI have held public events designed to share key findings in women's health research with a general public audience. While these events were typically held face to face in the past, our experience with COVID-19 and the move towards online methods of communication has meant that our public events have also shifted online. While we miss the experience that comes about from face to face social interaction, we have also seen an increase in the number of attendees to our public events, which signals to me that moving public events to an online forum is one way to dismantle the barriers that exist between the public and access to health information.

This week our public event focused on privacy and security in health research, a topic that is very relevant to research participants who might be keen to participate in research, but may also be skeptical about the security involved and how their identity will be preserved. Dr. Holly Longtaff, [Research Privacy Director at the Provincial Health Services Authority](#), led a fascinating and engaging talk about why participation in research is necessary, and how the public can do so safely. Jessica Sutherland, member of the Patient Research Advisory Board for the Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain Laboratory at UBC, and research participant, moderated and facilitated a terrific discussion on this.

Whether you are a participant in research, a patient partner, a student, or a researcher yourself, I encourage you to watch the recording of this discussion which can be found [here](#). Stay tuned at [www.whri.org](http://www.whri.org), as well as our various social media channels, for more public events in the Fall.

Sincerely,

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### Updates from July 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED ON THE C&W CAMPUS**

Worksites with elevated risk, such as a healthcare facility with vulnerable populations, will still require medical-grade masks to be worn. The COVID-19 safety plans remain in effect for the C&W campus.

For more information, check out [this Q&A](#).

#### **REMINDER - REGISTER ONLINE FOR YOUR SECOND DOSE**

All CW research staff need to register online at [getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](http://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca) for their second dose of COVID-

19 vaccine. Based on your Personal Health Number, the system knows when you received your first dose and will calculate when you are due for your second dose.

You will get an invitation by text, email or phone call to book your second dose appointment approximately eight weeks after your first dose.

If you are due for your second dose and have **not yet been contacted** with instructions on how to book your second dose appointment, please call the provincial immunization centre ([1-833-838-2323](tel:1-833-838-2323)) and let them know you are a health-care worker who is due for your second dose.

For international personnel: If you do not have a personal health number, you need to register for your vaccine by calling the province-wide call centre (1-833-838-2323) or in-person at a ServiceBC office and advising the agent that you are a health-care worker. Online bookings on the provincial platform require a personal health number.

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## OAK STREET CAMPUS STAGE 2 RESUMPTION OF ONSITE RESEARCH

For **new research activities**, please submit a request through the [Oak Street Campus Research Institutes Return to Onsite Research Intake Form](#).

**If you have a Stage 2 approval and need to amend your application to add new team members, adjust team schedules, etc, please email Todd Jacques [tjacques@bcchr.ca](mailto:tjacques@bcchr.ca) to request approval and email Marsha Simons [Marsha.Simons@cw.bc.ca](mailto:Marsha.Simons@cw.bc.ca) so that our site logs can be updated appropriately.**

If you have any questions, please email [KDewar@cw.bc.ca](mailto:KDewar@cw.bc.ca)

## Funding Agency Updates and Opportunities

### Updated COVID-19 WHRI Funding Updates

For all the latest funding news, COVID-19 funding opportunities, latest updates for deadlines and official statements from funding agencies regarding grant programs.

#### Email [Eric Lussier](#)

For assistance with grants applications or grants revisions. I am available every Tuesday from 8am-4pm for virtual office hour meetings with WHRI researchers, or by appointment.

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## NEWS

### [CIHR to Host Information Sessions for Trainees on Awards in Health Research](#)

CIHR will host Information Sessions for trainees designed to assist participants with the different awards funding opportunities requirements and answer questions on how to apply. The Session is expected to be 60 minutes and will be held at 4 different times in French and English:

#### English sessions

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 10:00 am PT

Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:00 am PT

## French sessions

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:00 am PT

Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 10:00 am PT

## NEW (7/10-7/16) + RELEVANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- IDRC - [Call for proposals: EDI Evidence for Innovation](#) – Full(7/28)
- Global Affairs Canada – [Canadian Organizations for Feminist Impact and Innovation](#) – Full(9/22)
- Canadian Cancer Society – [Challenge Grants](#) – Reg(7/28), Full(9/22)
- NSERC – [Discovery Grant Program](#) – NOI(8/1), Full(11/1)
- SSHRC – [Connection Grants](#) – Full(8/1)
- UBC - [UBC Collaborative Research Mobility Awards](#) – Full(8/5)
- UBC FoM – [New Faculty Research Award](#) – Full(8/6)
- Tri-Agency – [2021 NRFR Exploration Competition](#) – NOI(8/10), Full(10/19)
- Grand Challenges – [Options for Pregnancy Termination Innovation “Acces” Initiative](#) – Full(8/11)
- CIFAR Global – [Call for Ideas: The Future of Being Human](#) – Reg(8/17), LOI(1/26/22), Full(Fall 2022)
- CIHR – [Project Grant](#) – Reg(8/18), Full(9/15)
- CIHR-INMHA – [Alcohol Research to Inform Health Policies and Interventions](#) – Reg(8/19), Full(9/16)
- WHRI – [2021 Catalyst Grants](#) – LOI(8/31), Full(10/1)
- Tri-Council – [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#) – UBC Nom(9/2), Full(11/2)
- NSERC – [PromoScience Program](#) – Full(9/15)
- European Journal of Gynaecological Oncology – [2021 Young Investigator Award Named](#) – Full(9/30)
- Ataxia Canada – [Various Grant Opportunities](#) – Full(9/30)
- Grand Challenges – [Options for Pregnancy Termination Innovation “NextGen” Initiative](#) – Full(12/31/22)

## COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- IN-PART – [Open call for research: Seeking research, innovation & technology to address the spread of COVID-19](#) – Ongoing
- CIHR – [Understanding and mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on children, youth and families in Canada](#) – Full(7/27)
- CIHR-IPPH – [Operating Grant: COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence](#) – Full(8/10)
- CEPI – [Broadly protective Betacoronavirus \(BPBC\) Vaccine](#) – Full(Open 4/1-10/1)

## Updated Funding Opportunities and Deadlines List

### Have a Few Minutes?

## AbSPORU's "Shaping Patient-Oriented Research Environments Through Equity, Diversity and Inclusion" webinar series

Join us for the second instalment of AbSPORU's webinar series on Integrating Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and Sex and Gender-Based Analysis (SGBA+) into Patient-Oriented Research (POR). This session's theme is "Impact for All: EDI and Knowledge Translation (KT) in POR" where we will focus on the following learning objectives:

- Describe different types and measures of research impact afforded by inclusive POR.
- Explain how strategies to ensure EDI in POR align with the integrated knowledge translation model.

- Describe how inclusive research teams influence research output and knowledge translation processes to enhance health equity and outcomes.

The event takes place on **Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** from **8:00 to 10:00 AM PDT**.

**Register at:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/impact-for-all-edi-and-knowledge-translation-in-por-tickets-162599638897>

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### CanCOVID Speaker Series - SARS-CoV-2 Seroprevalence in Vancouver District Schools

Join us as Drs. Pascal Lavoie and David Goldfarb discuss immunity to SARS-CoV-2 at the population level. They will also present key findings from their study related to SARS-CoV-2 seroprevalence in Vancouver district schools.

Dr. Pascal Lavoie, Neonatologist, BC Women's Hospital, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of British Columbia, BC Children's Hospital & Women's Health Research Institute

Dr. David Goldfarb, Investigator and Medical Microbiologist, BC Children's Hospital, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia

The event takes place on **Tuesday, July 20th, 2021, 4:00 - 4:30pm EDT**

**Event details at:** <https://bit.ly/CanCOVIDJuly20Event>.

### Staff Resources

### PHSA Updates

#### PHSA MASK USE POLICY & SELF-SERVE DISPENSERS

- Self-serve medical face mask dispensers are installed at building entrances in order to comply with the provincial mask policy, which states that masks worn in medical facilities including hospitals must be medical grade.
- The self-serve mask dispensers are intended for all care providers, staff, vendors and contractors, who should replace their personal mask with a medical mask at a building entrance, or proceed to a different entrance if there are no medical masks available.
- All patients will be offered a medical face mask by entrance screeners; however as previously stated, there may be reasons why someone is unable or declines to wear a mask, including history of abuse and trauma, mental health concerns, physical health conditions, or age.
- All persons entering hospital buildings are requested to don a medical mask by following these procedures:
  1. Remove your personal mask if you're wearing one;
  2. Sanitize your hands using hand sanitizer; and
  3. Remove one medical mask from the dispenser and follow proper procedures to don the mask.
- Please remember that masks are only one part of our infection control strategy. Stay home if you have any signs of illness, complete [PHSA's self-screening assessment tool](#) before arriving onsite,

practice physical distancing and maintain good hand hygiene.

#### **Education conversation on white privilege and fragility, part two**

- Join our second discussion about the difficulty of conversations on race, in both work and personal settings, as well as an overview of how white privilege and fragility play out in our daily lives.
- [Register now on LearningHub](#): July 21, from noon - 1 p.m.

#### **Ongoing Staff Resources**

- PHSa COVID-19 vaccine [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- C&W COVID-19 mandatory and recommended courses: [C&W COVID-19 Education: Staying Safe On Campus During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).
- C&W COVID-19 collection site - It is open Mondays to Fridays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Health care workers have a unique number to call (604-875-2016) that allows them to leave a message.
- Visit [ePOPS](#) for all C&W clinical practice and policy documents.
- [CW Mask Use in Health Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic: FAQ](#).
- Visit [www.phsa.ca/covid19staff](http://www.phsa.ca/covid19staff) for COVID-19 staff guidelines and updates.
- Learn about [health and wellness resources](#) available to support you.