

Weekly WHRI Community Update – June 18, 2021

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

Dear WHRI community,

On the advice of the Provincial Health Officer, UBC, as well as other BC-based academic institutions, are currently planning for a return to in-person activities (including in-person instruction) in September 2021. This is wonderful news to learn! For our members who are UBC faculty and students, UBC has just approved a new approach to remote/hybrid work arrangements, and details of this plan will be shared by Department Heads as early as next week. For our members who are situated on the C&W campus, these guidance documents will be considered alongside our campus' research resumption plans, informed by both the Provincial Health Officer as well as WorkSafeBC, with details on the latter forthcoming. In parallel to UBC, PHSA is also updating their remote work policy, which will be relevant to PHSA staff on the C&W campus.

In the interim, I would encourage you to initiate discussions regarding return to on-site activities with your own teams (students, staff, administrators, other research personnel) to determine who may be required to, and who would like to be onsite to prepare for a September resumption.

A number of guidance documents have been developed, including: the [COVID-19 Return-To-Campus Primer](#) and the [COVID-19 Go-Forward Guidelines for B.C.'s Post-Secondary Sector \(June 2021 edition\)](#), and the not yet released *Return-to-Campus Guidelines*. Additional campus specific guidelines will be released in the coming weeks.

We are committed to continuing our communication to you regarding this evolving subject of return to on-site and on-campus activities.

With the warmer weather, the steady climb in the number of vaccinated citizens, and now this planning for a near-normal September, there is much to be hopeful for.

Sincerely,

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PS., The 2021 Run For Women is quickly approaching and this year and funds raised for the BC Women's Health Foundation will be invested in our research at the Reproductive Mental Health Program! I have joined team BC Women's and hope that many of you in our WHRI community consider [registering and joining our team](#). You can also make a [donation to our team](#) via my profile.

Updates from June 12th to 18th

REMINDER – COMPLETE THE WHRI INVESTIGATOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SURVEY

All WHRI investigators will have received a request to complete a short survey about their research accomplishments over the past year. This brief survey also asks you to upload a copy of your CV (in any format). The survey link will be sent out again next week to those who have not yet complete the survey. Your completion of this survey is incredibly important as it enables the WHRI to demonstrate our accountability to our research funders and partners.

If you have any questions, or have not yet received a link to the survey, please reach out to Kathryn Dewar (kdewar@cw.bc.ca).

Thank you to all those who have already completed the survey!

REMINDER - REGISTER ONLINE FOR YOUR SECOND DOSE

All CW research staff need to register online at 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 **within the next two weeks** and you 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 to request approval and email Marsha Simons 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

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.

NEWS

[Pre-announcement: CIHR-IA Betty Havens Prize for Knowledge Mobilization in Aging](#)

The CIHR Institute of Aging Betty Havens Prize for Knowledge Mobilization in Aging recognizes an individual, team or organization that has advanced the mobilization of research in aging at a local or regional level. This prize is based on nominations of applicants by peers, teams or organizations. Launch date: June 25, 2021; Application Deadline: July 22, 2021

[Upcoming Deadline for UBC Faculty of Medicine Award](#)

The UBC Faculty of Medicine award application deadline is Friday June 25th. The awards provide an opportunity to acknowledge outstanding faculty and staff. Some new awards are being piloted in 2021. Recipients will be announced this summer, and the awards will be presented at the annual UBC FoM reception in the fall. Full award list:

- [Applegarth Staff Service Awards, Dean's Staff Awards](#)
- [Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching](#)
- [Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Leadership and Service](#)
- [Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Mentorship](#)
- [Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Research](#)
- [Clinical Faculty Award for Excellence in Advancing EDI](#)
- [Innovation in CME-CPD Award](#)
- [Distinguished Service to CME-CPD Award](#)
- [Awards for Excellence in Mentoring Early Career Faculty](#)
- [Webber Lifetime Achievement Award](#)

NEW (6/12-6/18) + RELEVANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- CIHR – [Team Grant: Indigenous Gender and Wellness Team Grant](#) – NOI(6/22), Full(7/29)
- CCS/CIHR-ICR – [Initiative in Primary Cancer Prevention](#) – Reg.(6/23), Full(9/10)
- US DoD – [FY21 Breast Cancer Research Program \(Various Awards\)](#) – Pre (6/24, 8/10), Full(9/14, 10/5)
- Terry Fox Research Institute - [New Investigator Award 2022](#) – Reg(6/25), Full(9/10)
- CIHR/CPA – [Glenda M. MacQueen Memorial Award for Women in Psychiatry](#) – Full(7/4)
- Brain Canada – [Women's Brain Health Initiative](#) – Reg(7/5), Full(9/1)
- Brain Canada – [2021 Discovery Grants](#) – Full(7/5)
- Public Health Agency of Canada – [The Intersectoral Action Fund](#) – Full(7/12)
- ICanCME– [New Frontier Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Discovery Grant Program](#) – Full(7/15)
- IDRC - [Call for proposals: EDI Evidence for Innovation](#) – Full(7/28)
- 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)
- CIHR-INMHA – [Alcohol Research to Inform Health Policies and Interventions](#) – Reg(8/19), Full(9/16)
- European Journal of Gynaecological Oncology – [2021 Young Investigator Award Named](#) – Full(9/30)

COVID-19 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **IN-PART – [Open call for research: Seeking research, innovation & technology to address the spread of COVID-19](#) – Ongoing**
- **CIHR/CEPI – [Leadership Award for Excellence in Vaccine Research for Infectious Diseases of Epidemic Potential](#) – Full(7/9)**
- **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?

Participate in the Quick 2021 WHRI Digital Health Survey Before It Closes!

Be sure to take the 2021 WHRI Digital Health Survey before it closes – we value your input! Tell us about your level of interest in digital health, how digital tools have influenced your workflow, and how WHRI can support researchers interested in digital health. Thank you to all our members and staff who have already completed it.

The survey takes **10-to-15-minutes** of your time, and respondents will be eligible for a \$100 gift card draw. Your input will help us identify priorities to support and catalyze research which leverages digital health technologies to improve women’s health. Play a role in informing WHRI’s digital health strategy by clicking the link to the 2021 WHRI Digital Health Survey now!

<https://rc.bcchr.ca/redcap/surveys/?s=HKYHRRWWNK>

For any questions, please email Candice Taguibao, at candice.taguibao@cw.bc.ca

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UBC is offering “Equity and inclusion in action: Summer STEM series”

Are you faculty, staff, post-doc or a graduate student leading an EDI initiative in the STEM field? This summer, join our virtual, informal, themed, community-of-practice sessions to help you create action within your unit.

For session details and registration click the link below:

<https://equity.ubc.ca/equity-and-inclusion-in-action-summer-stem-series/>

Staff Resources

PHSA Updates

Save the date for the next PHSA town hall on June 21

- PHSA's next town hall is on **June 21 from 10 – 11 a.m.**
- [Join us by webcast](#) or by phone (1-833-353-8610, participant code 4478028#).
- [Slido is now open](#): submit a question using the event code **#PHSATownHall**.
- If you have a scheduling conflict, you will be able to watch the recording using the same webcast link later in the day.

C&W Open Forum, June 24 – Slido now open for questions

- The next virtual C&W Open Forum is Thursday, June 24 at 11:30 a.m. You can submit questions in advance [via Slido](#). The [webcast](#) can be watched live on June 24 or on-demand afterwards.

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.

Taking time for self-care

- It can be hard to stop and think about self-care even during "normal" times, but we know that applying self-care strategies to daily life can help reduce the negative psychological and physical effects of stress. This [self-care resource](#) can be used to check-in with yourself for five days and enhance your personal self-care practices.
- Take part in these June Wellness Webinars to help boost your resilience:
 - [Understanding Grief and Loss](#) (June 23, noon – 1 p.m.)
 - [Assertiveness: Negotiating Respectful Interpersonal Boundaries](#) (June 30, noon – 1 p.m.)
- Check out the [June Working Well Newsletter](#) for more information and resources available to support [staff wellness](#) during the month of June and beyond.

Ongoing Staff Resources

- PHSA COVID-19 vaccine [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document on ePOPS for information on mask use: [CW Mask Use in Health Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic: FAQ](#).
- For workplace health questions, call the PHSA COVID-19 Resource Line at 1-833-875-2155 (toll

free) or 604-875-7244, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Visit www.phsa.ca/covid19staff for COVID-19 staff guidelines and updates.
- Continue to check the BCCDC's website as a trusted source of information.
- Learn about [health and wellness](#) resources to support you.