

Weekly WHRI Community Update – June 25, 2021

***Sent on behalf of Dr. Stuart Turvey, Interim Senior Executive Director, BC Children's Hospital Research Institute, Dr. Lori Brotto, Executive Director of the Women's Health Research Institute at BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre and Dr. Jehannine Austin, Executive Director, BC Mental Health and Substance Use Research Institute***

Dear colleagues,

As you may be aware, UBC has communicated their reopening plans for the Point Grey and Okanagan campuses which includes new approaches to remote/hybrid work arrangements.

We understand that this has been an incredibly long year for everyone and that we are all eager to return to working onsite. However, as we are based at the Oak St BC Children's and Women's Hospital site, the reopening plan for the research institutes must be aligned with UBC, C&W and PHSA's return planning. C&W is currently awaiting direction from both the Public Health Officer and WorkSafeBC on how to safely reopen this hospital.

We thank you for your continued patience and will keep you up to date on reopening plans on the Oak St campus as they develop.

In the meantime, we would encourage PIs and staff to familiarize themselves with UBC's reopening plans and remote work arrangements from Faculty of Medicine including: the [COVID-19 Return-To-Campus Primer](#) and the [COVID-19 Go-Forward Guidelines for B.C.'s Post-Secondary Sector \(June 2021 edition\)](#). Additional campus specific guidelines will be released in the coming weeks.

We would also encourage teams (whether staff, administrators, other research personnel) to initiate their own discussions on return to on-site activities and determine who may be required to, and who would like to be onsite to prepare for a September resumption.

Please also note that the current processes for onsite research activities remains in effect. For new research activities, please submit a request through the Oak Street Campus Research Institutes Return to Onsite Research Intake Form.

Sincerely,  
Stuart, Lori and Jehannine

#### Updates from June 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **REMINDER – PLEASE Complete the WHRI Investigator Accomplishments Survey**

All WHRI investigators (including trainee and clinical members) will have received a request to complete a short survey about their research accomplishments over the past year. The survey link will be sent out again to those who have not yet completed 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](mailto: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](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 **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](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](mailto:Eric.Lussier@cw.bc.ca)

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

### [UBC Faculty of Medicine Announces New Faculty Research Award](#)

Funding is available for new recruits in the UBC FoM in the Faculty of Medicine. Applicants must be in the first two years of a full-time faculty appointment as Assistant Professor and higher, or a Clinical faculty appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor and higher appointments in the FoM at UBC. Faculty with partner appointments are also eligible for this competition if they meet the other eligibility criteria. Previous awardees of the New Faculty Research Award, and applicants who have received \$200,000 or more in Start Up Funds from other sources, are ineligible.

The award is valued at up to \$10,000. The deadline for application is August 6, 2021.

## NEW (6/19-6/25) + RELEVANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- 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)
- UBC FoM – [New Faculty Research Award](#) – Full(8/6)
- CIFAR Global Call for Ideas – [The Future of Being Human](#) – Reg(8/17), LOI(1/26/22), Full(Fall 2022)
- 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?

Education conversation on white privilege and fragility

Join a 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](#): June 30, from noon - 1 p.m.

## Staff Resources

### PHSA Updates

#### Updates from the June 21<sup>st</sup> PHSA operational town hall

- The agenda included: personal reflections on the significance of land acknowledgements, recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day, staff recognition including PHSA+ Award recipients, a COVID-19 situational update and an introduction to PHSA's "future of work" strategy.
- Answers to three of the top questions sent in through Slido are below. You can also [watch the full webcast](#) at your convenience.
  - Is flexible work available for unionized staff, especially those who have already been working remotely? [Watch the answer \[52:36\]](#)
  - In light of the unspeakable tragedy at Kamloops Residential School, will PHSA commit to mandatory San'yas training? [Watch the answer \[53:15\]](#)
  - Most employees are getting their COVID-19 vaccines. What will happen to those who don't and are at risk of getting ill/spreading it? [Watch the answer \[55:12\]](#)

#### Non-COVID Immunization clinic: June 28th, by appointment

- The following immunizations will be available to staff at our clinic: Tetanus/Diphtheria, Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Varicella (Chicken Pox), Hepatitis B, Polio, and Meningococcal. No COVID-19 vaccine provided.
- **Date:** June 28th
- **Time:** 10am to 3pm
- **Location:** BC Children's and Women's Hospital – Room D210
- Book your appointment online (<https://immphsa.janeapp.com/>). Link works best on Google Chrome.
- **Questions?** Visit [Immunization on POD](#) or Email: [occupationalhealthnursing@phsa.ca](mailto:occupationalhealthnursing@phsa.ca)

#### 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.

**Access peer mindfulness recordings on demand using the Yuk'wa ko'pa tum'-tum Library**

- Yuk'wa ko'pa tum'-tum (*here with mind and heart*) is designed to provide mindfulness on demand at PHSA.
- Created by your peers across the health authority, this [library of mindfulness recordings](#) can be accessed at any time.
- Consider starting or ending a team meeting with mindful moments or taking a pause in your day to become fully present, allowing your mind and body to settle and experience a sense of ease and wellbeing.

**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](http://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.