COVID-19 Safety Plan: Biodiversity Research Centre
Stage 2 Addendum A: Indoor dining areas

There are 5 common indoor spaces in the Biodiversity Research Centre that allow 13 researchers and staff to eat indoors while maintaining physical distancing at all times. During the summer months (Stages 1 and 2) researchers and trainees were encouraged to eat outdoors. The Beaty Biodiversity Centre courtyard is a large open space with ample seating, but has no covered seating. To provide enough seating for researchers during the rainy seasons, two closed meetings rooms will open and become designated dining areas. We will also place two 10’x10’ tents on the courtyard patio to cover two picnic tables to accommodate individuals who prefer to eat outdoors.

1. Updated Designated Indoor Dining Areas (added seating in red):
Main level: Black Hole (3 max) and atrium table (3 max)
Level 2: open tables (3 max) and room 224 (4 max)
Level 3: open tables (2 max) and room 303 (3 max)
Lower Level: open table (1 max)

Signs will be posted in each dining area to notify occupants of other spaces in the building that can be used if there are no available seats.

2. Space and Cleaning Plan for Indoor Dining Areas:
Existing common and open spaces have reduced seating, posted occupancy, and disinfectant provided for occupants to clean all touch points after use. Custodial cleans these spaces daily.

Meeting rooms 224 and 303 will be blocked out from the on-line scheduling system and repurposed as designated dining areas. Tables and chairs will be reconfigured to maintain physical distancing at all times. Excess tables and chairs will be taped off or removed to prevent adjacent seating. Maximum occupancy signs will be posted. A sign-in/sign-out sheet will be posted on the doors. The BRC will provide cleaning products and occupants will disinfect all touch points before and after use. Custodial will be notified that rooms 224 and 303 will be reopened and should be cleaned daily as common spaces.

No in-person meetings will be held in any spaces.

3. Mask use in common and designated eating spaces:
Individuals in common indoor spaces are required to wear non-medical masks at all times. Masks may be removed when consuming food or beverages while seated in designated dining areas listed above.

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