AMS Restart Plan

Getting back to our student community.
Student safety is our top priority and all decisions are centered on keeping our community healthy.

All of our decisions strictly follow guidance from provincial and federal health authorities.

Our plans are considerate of the diverse accessibility and inclusivity needs of our membership.
On May 25th, 2021, the provincial government announced a four-phase B.C. Restart Plan, giving general guidance to all sectors on how the province plans to return to normal. As of writing this, the province is currently in Phase 2 of the plan.

To find out more about B.C.’s Restart Plan, please follow this link: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restart)

Most changes relating to AMS operations will begin to occur at the start of Phase 3, which is scheduled to come into effect no earlier than July 1st, 2021.

The AMS Restart Plan is an evolving document and may be updated from time to time if guidance from provincial health authorities changes.
Who We’re Talking To

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Post-secondary Go Forward Guidelines

Province-wide post-secondary Presidents

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UBC Safety and Risk Services

VP Students Office

WorkSafe BC

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What We Heard

► Focusing on vaccines as the method of protection rather than restrictions.

► Post-secondary settings have not been identified as high-risk moving into the fall. COVID-19 is spread through close, personal, and repeating contacts.

► Reopening can happen with confidence, but there should be considerations for diverse participation.

► Messaging needs to revolve around a shared understanding of how things have changed since the start of the pandemic.
Messaging and Communication

We’re almost back together, but we’re not there yet. Here’s how we were communicating our plans and priorities moving forward.
Forward-Thinking Messaging

**Vaccinations**
Getting vaccinated is our quickest way to get back to normal while keeping our community safe. We'll be collaborating with UBC on a joint campaign to get students vaccinated.

**Student Safety**
Student safety should be everyone's top priority, and all our decisions follow the guidance of public health experts.

**Living with COVID**
We can reopen confidently with vaccines as our protection. We'll have to learn to live with COVID-19 and adapt when or if it's needed.

**Lessons Learned**
The pandemic introduced new accessible ways of communicating and interacting with one another. We'll look to keep hybrid options available when possible.

**Comfort Levels**
People will have different levels of comfort as we return to normal, and that's okay. Services and events should be accommodating so everyone can participate.

**Testing and Illness**
Get tested if you're sick or have been in contact with someone who's infected. Stay home when sick or awaiting test results.
Plans and Expectations

Based on currently available information, both public and confidential, here’s how we plan on returning to normal.
Face Coverings

PHASE 3 (July 2021)

▸ Masks will still be required in all public areas of the AMS Nest. This may be relaxed pending guidance from UBC.

▸ Policy I-7A will still be enforced as needed.

▸ Masks may not be required in all workplace settings, pending guidance from WorkSafe BC.

PHASE 4 (September 2021)

▸ Face coverings will no longer be required in public areas of the AMS Nest.

▸ If future outbreaks occur, the AMS may reinvoke mask requirements for certain uses of the AMS Nest.

▸ Policy I-7A will be amended or repealed to reflect changes effective at the start of Phase 4.
Physical Distancing

PHASE 3 (July 2021)
- Increased seating capacity in the AMS Nest. Potential capacity increase in restaurants pending sector guidance.
- Continued recommendations to socially distance when possible.
- Continued use of plexiglass barriers.

PHASE 4 (September 2021)
- No physical distancing requirements
- If future outbreaks occur, the AMS may reinvoke mask requirements for certain uses of the AMS Nest.
- Policy I-7A will be amended to reflect changes effective the start of Phase 4.
Building Capacities

**PHASE 3 (July 2021)**
- Washrooms and elevators move to relaxed capacities capacities.
- Increased capacities for organized gatherings with a COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- Removing use of building user-flow directional guidance.

**PHASE 4 (September 2021)**
- Building, seating, and room capacities return to normal.
Work and Meetings

PHASE 3 (July 2021)

▸ Remote meetings when possible, but allowance for bigger organized meetings and seminars when needed.

▸ COVID-19 specific workplace safety plans and procedures still in effect.

▸ Partial return to in-person for AMS Council planned to begin July 21st.

▸ Continued use of plexiglass barriers.

PHASE 4 (September 2021)

▸ Fully re-opened offices and workspaces.

▸ Staff accommodations and support when needed. Some remote work acceptable based on position needs and manager preferences.
Services

PHASE 3 (July 2021)

▸ Services will continue to operate primarily virtual with limited in-person interactions.

▸ Planning for some potential in-person marketing during orientations and other start-of-year events.

▸ SASC services continue to be a hybrid-model, with in-person appointments by booking only.

PHASE 4 (September 2021)

▸ Resumption of in-person service offerings, with new focus on hybrid options when possible.

▸ Hybrid model for both SASC services and outreach.

▸ SASC drop-in appointments will be evaluated in September based on progress of Phase 4 and staff capacity.
Food and Beverage

PHASE 3 (July 2021)

▸ Potential capacity increase in restaurants and removal of seating limits pending sector guidance.

▸ Porch and Grand Noodle Emporium to reopen August 30th.

▸ Continued use of plexiglass barriers and masks when not seated.

PHASE 4 (September 2021)

▸ All restrictions lifted.

▸ New AMS Test Kitchen and PIE-R2 to open October 2021.

▸ The Pit will reopen a few weeks into Phase 4 only when all restrictions are lifted, targeting October 2021.
Conferences

PHASE 3 (July 2021)

▸ Increased room capacities pending sector guidance. Increased capacities for outdoor events.

▸ Prepping C&C servery equipment for July 2021 start.

▸ All events have a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

PHASE 4 (September 2021)

▸ Return to normal bookings for both club and external events.

▸ All events have normal safety plans that include standard communicable-disease guidelines.
Events

PHASE 3 (July 2021)

▸ Continued focus on virtual events and digital promotions.

▸ Smaller in-person events for JumpStart and continued digital presence.

PHASE 4 (September 2021)

▸ Multiple in-person events planned for AMS Firstweek.

▸ Modified AMS Welcome Back BBQ planned for mid-September 2021.

▸ Targeting full resumption of standard events in October 2021 with continued focus on digital content.
Societies and Clubs

PHASE 3 (July 2021)

▸ Constituencies will begin to have access to their buildings/physical offices beginning Summer 2021.

▸ Clubs to have access to office space beginning July 2021.

▸ Student group bookings in the AMS Nest to begin with limited run on June 28.

▸ Club/constituency events to follow guidance from provincial health authorities.

PHASE 4 (September 2021)

▸ Clubs Days with virtual component on AMS CampusBase planned for September 2021.

▸ Club and constituency events can proceed normally.