



MEMORANDUM

To: Research Restart Steering Committee
From: Professor Lori Ferris, Associate Vice-President, Research (Oversight and Compliance)
Re: UCheck and Research Spaces
Date: November 5, 2021

All members of our community who come onto U of T campuses or premises must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and are required to upload proof of vaccination via [UCheck](#).

UCheck must be completed every time someone comes to campus as it includes a symptom check as well as verification of a COVID-19 vaccine (or an exemption). A green screen means that the individual is not reporting symptoms and has uploaded proof of vaccination (or has an exemption). A red screen means the individual needs to leave the University campus at once and immediately contact the occupational health nurse (OHN) at ehs.occhealth@utoronto.ca.

We are receiving questions about the protocol for research spaces and whether it is similar to instructors who are teaching in-person who may ask students in the class to show their UCheck screen. Faculty supervisors may ask anyone attending research spaces in person (e.g. students, staff, post-docs) to show their UCheck screen. Please note the following:

- If UCheck screens are being checked, it is important that the faculty supervisor ask all those present to show their UCheck screens.
- Faculty supervisors do not need to be present in the research space to ask to see the UCheck screens of those present in the space; the check can be done remotely (e.g., over a Teams call or Zoom call) by the faculty supervisor.
- UCheck screens are to be checked in real time without screenshots or photos of the screens being requested or collected.
- Anyone on campus who has not completed the UCheck screening should be instructed to do so immediately.
- If anyone on campus produces a red screen, they must follow the instructions provided on UCheck and leave the campus at once.
- UCheck screen checks may be completed daily and/or weekly as appropriate.
- For further instruction on how to deploy UCheck screen checks please review the [GWW](#).

In addition to compliance checks by faculty supervisors (and [UCheck Ambassadors](#)), Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) staff will ask to see the UCheck status of all lab members present during their lab inspections or visits.

These measures are to help keep our research community safe and ensure our compliance with applicable public health guidance. I would appreciate it if you could disseminate this information within your Divisions or campuses.