

Memorandum 21:42

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To: Presidents and Administrative Officers
Local, Federated and Provincial Associations

From: David Robinson, Executive Director

Re: **Updated CAUT COVID-19 and the Academic Workplace Resources; Send us Your Newly Negotiated Letters of Understanding**

CAUT will be posting new and revised resources about COVID-19 and the academic workplace in the Members' Area of the CAUT website ([COVID-19 and the Academic Workplace - Resources for Members](#)).

Letters of Understanding

CAUT continues to collect the letters/memorandums of understanding (LOUs) many faculty associations have negotiated with their employers to address issues arising because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the new school year approaches, existing LOUs may be renewed and/or new LOUs may be negotiated. **If you renewed an LOU or negotiated a new LOU since January 2021**, please send them to research@caut.ca. They will be posted to aid other associations in their negotiations.

If your association will be negotiating a new LOU, a second LOU template covering emerging issues will also be available in the Members' Area of the CAUT website.

Database of Institutional Re-Opening Plans

CAUT has compiled a [database](#) of almost 120 Canadian institutions' re-opening plans, including the mode of course delivery for the Fall 2021 semester.

A summary report of the Fall 2021 database can be found [here](#). Highlights include:

- 44% of institutions plan for primarily in-person course delivery, 30% plan on blended course delivery, and 15% have not announced their course delivery mode plans as of June 30th, 2021
- 51% of institutions who have released a course delivery plan specifically mention hybrid course delivery
- No institutions plan to require vaccines to attend campus or in-person classes
- 12% of institutions will require at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine for students living in residences

CAUT is also tracking the impact of COVID-19 on libraries. The database includes information on the availability of various library services as of June 30th, 2021. While there is little detailed information available about library services in the Fall 2021 semester at this time, CAUT will continue to monitor and update this information as it becomes available.

Re-Opening Checklist

As many schools plan to open campuses in whole or in part, CAUT has updated its [Re-Opening Checklist](#) to help guide member associations through occupational health and safety concerns and accommodation issues.

If your association has any concerns about the Fall re-opening, or otherwise, please reach out to us.