

# Guidelines for Safe Washroom Re-Occupancy

Campus washrooms have very different layouts which will affect the potential for simultaneous use of multiple stalls and/or sinks while maintaining safe social distancing. All groups must take into account their building's effective reduced washroom capacity as they develop plans for a gradual return to campus. The following are general guidelines to support current occupancy and planning for additional occupancy.

1. Single occupancy washrooms will remain single occupancy washrooms with locking doors. If possible, use a single paper towel to touch door handle when leaving and dispose of towel in bin provided.
2. All multi-stall washroom entrance doors should be permanently propped open so that users avoid touching door handles, and can verbally confirm whether others are using the washroom before entering. In cases where open doors compromise the privacy of washroom users, alternative solutions may include knocking on the door or converting to a single occupancy washroom.
3. Washrooms that have 3 toilet stalls or urinals and 3 sinks or less will be restricted to a single occupant. A second person wishing to enter the washroom to wash their hands may do so only after verbally confirming with the occupant that hand washing will not compromise the occupant's safe space.
4. Washrooms with more than 3 toilets or urinals and/or 3 sinks may accommodate more than 1 person at a time if 2m distancing between users can be maintained. Side by side urinals and sinks are typically less than 2m apart, and a washroom's open area is typically too tight to maintain safe distancing. For these reasons occupancy in these washrooms must be limited, and stalls, urinals and sinks which do not allow for safe distancing blocked from use.

General guidelines are as follows, please see Diagram 1 for reference:

- Separate in-use stalls or urinals by at least 2 stalls or urinals marked with an "X" in painter's tape.
  - Separate in-use sinks by at least 2 sinks marked with an "X" in painter's tape.
  - Verbal communication between users is important to avoid unsafe encounters, for example checking that no one is passing a stall door before opening the door, or checking that a sink is not in use.
  - Review any pinch points at entrances or within the rooms that may cause unsafe encounters, and further limit use as required.
5. Once a safe occupancy number has been determined, print out the appropriate sign and post in a highly visible location at the washroom entrance.

*Diagram 1 – Washroom Space Analysis*

