

28 February 2022

Dr. Greg Keefe
President (Interim)
University of Prince Edward Island

RE: UPEI Ventilation / Air Quality Update

Dear Interim President Keefe,

I am writing on behalf of our members to request clarification on short-term/long-term mitigation measures that were identified in the recent ventilation evaluation.

Short-Term Mitigation Measures

At a recent UPEI Senate Meeting (February 11), UPEI Administration indicated that *most* short-term mitigation measures identified in the ventilation evaluation had been implemented. This includes the installation of **portable HEPA filters** in the following classrooms:

AVC (201N, 205N, 207N)

Memorial Hall (308, 417)

Robertson Library (209, 210, 211, 235)

SDU Main Building (310, 335, 409, 432, 508)

Steel Building (321)

Could you please confirm that portable HEPA filters are currently being used in all of these teaching spaces?

At the Senate meeting, we also learned that the **MERV 13 filters** that are to be installed in a number of classrooms would not be arriving until mid-March. According to the ventilation evaluation, this would impact the following classrooms:

Cass Science Hall (101)

Duffy Sci. Centre (202, 204)

Engineering Building (128A, 128B, 202, 205, 301, 306)

McDougall Hall (242, 243, 246, 328, 329)

Steel Building (218, 224, 321)

Could you please confirm that our members will not be required to teach in these spaces until these filters have been installed?

Long-Term Mitigation Measures

In addition to short-term mitigation measures, the ventilation evaluation recommends that certain campus ventilation systems be upgraded, replaced, or installed. These ventilation systems cover teaching spaces in the following locations:

AVC

Memorial Hall

Robertson Library

SDU Main Building

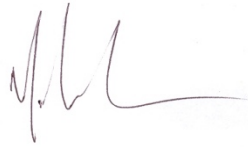
Steel Building

In a message to the campus community (January 19), UPEI Administration indicated that it had initiated capital projects to implement these long-term mitigation measures.

Could you please provide the campus community with an update on these projects including reasonable timelines for completing this work?

Finally, could you please update the campus community on any plans that UPEI Administration has developed for evaluating the indoor air quality / ventilation of the remaining campus workspaces?

Sincerely,



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