

VPRI Message re modified Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopen

- Implement as much as possible a voluntary reduction of your research personnel working in a laboratory setting at any given time by 50% from the capacity on December 16, 2021 to reduce contact between persons due to the high infectiousness of the Omicron variant.
- Be vigilant about masking, wearing eye protection, maintaining physical distancing of at least 2 metres at all times, avoiding gathering around the laboratory to minimize the risk of transmission, and washing hands frequently.
- Stop research with human participants that requires the breaching of physical distancing limits. Breaching occurs when interactions with human participants exceed a total of 15 minutes within a given day when physical distancing of at least 2 metres cannot be maintained.
- Prepare a contingency plan to mitigate the impact of possible extended absences of key research personnel due to quarantining.
- Plan for the potential consequences of reduced staffing at the Chemical Control Centre and the Central Animal Care Facility.
- The Research Safety Committee will continue to re-evaluate field work that was approved in 2021 but has yet to take place, in accordance with updated rules and regulations of governments and health authorities.
- Consider (continual) volunteering in the saliva-testing research project to help better protect colleagues around you.
- The above recommendations and regulations will be reviewed and adjusted in accordance with the changing pandemic impacts.

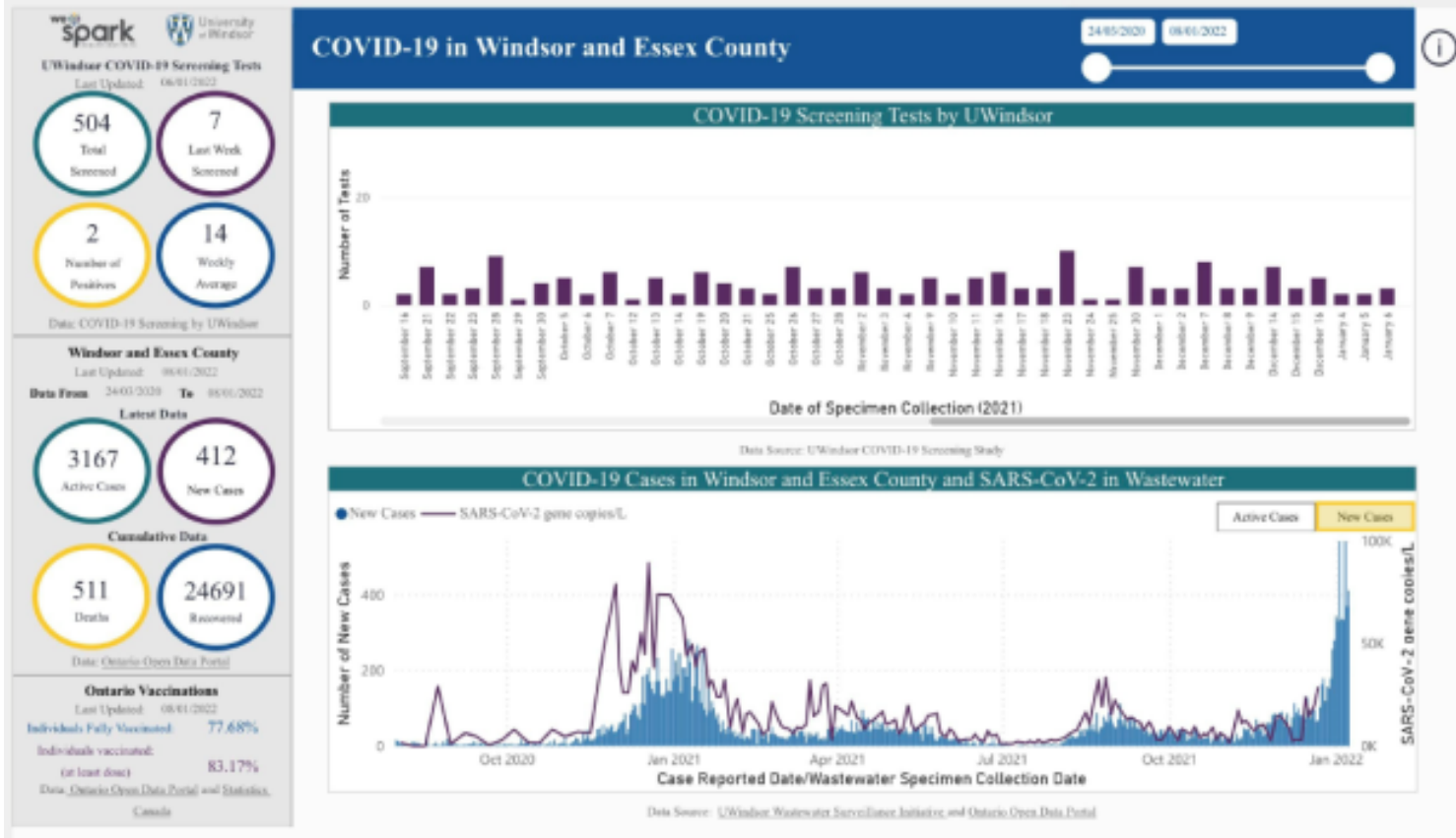


<https://www.wesparkhealth.com/covid-screening-platform>

COVID-19 Dashboard

This interactive COVID-19 dashboard displays data from the number of tests completed through the UWindsor qPCR screening and Windsor and Essex County wastewater surveillance data.

The data on the dashboard is updated daily at 8:30 AM and 2:00 PM.

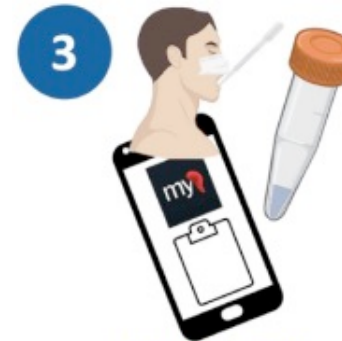


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Fill in e-Consent Form, Acknowledgement Form and Onboarding Survey on our website

www.wesparkhealth.com/covid-screening-platform



2
Download MyCap application and scan your QR code from your email

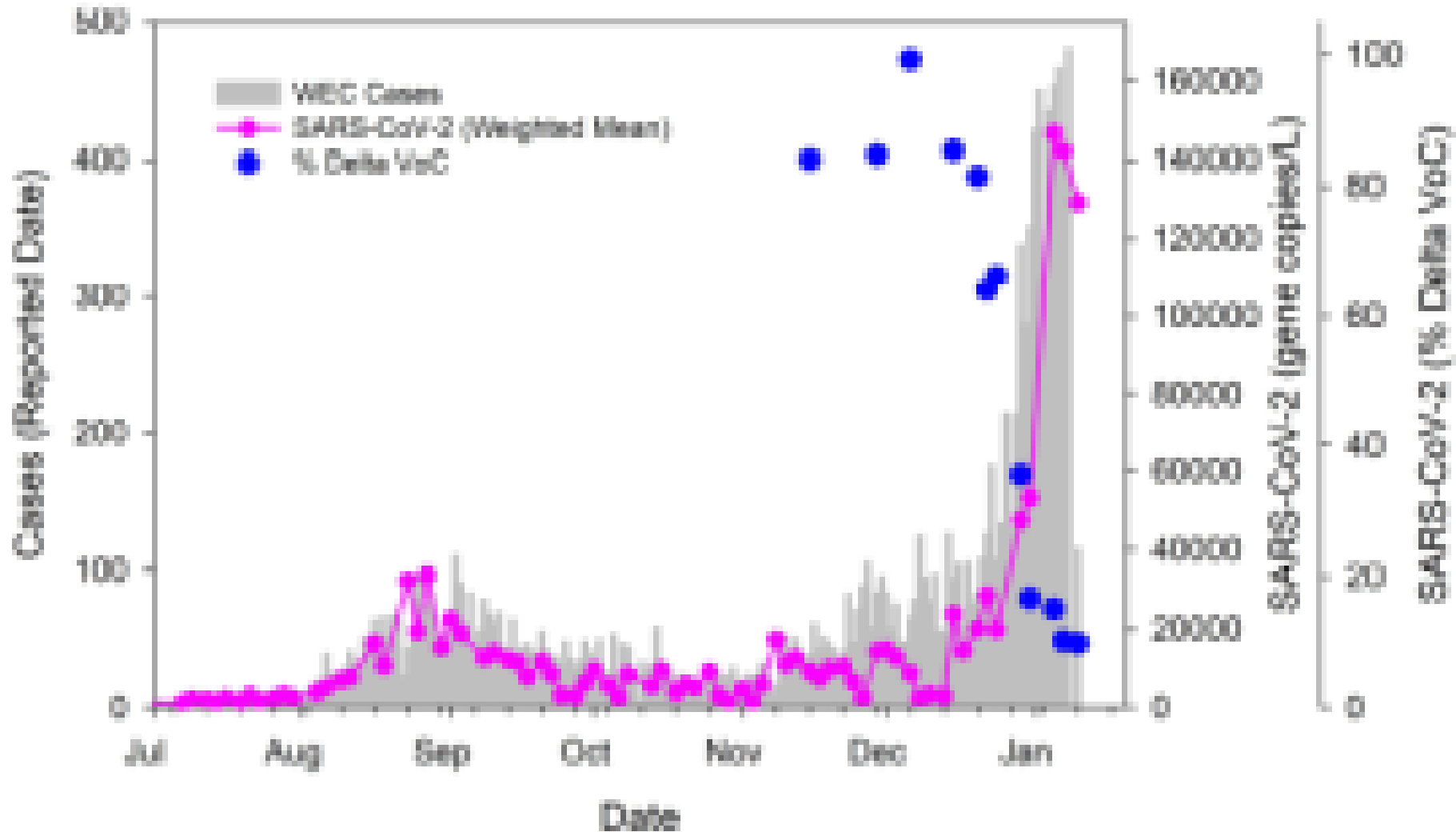


3
Come to Collection Site Once a Week to give us a sample and do a survey



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Windsor-Essex Wastewater Surveillance



- After lagging other regions, including the GTA, Hamilton, Kingston and London, the Omicron variant is in Windsor-Essex and is now the prevalent COVID variant



<https://rcr.ethics.gc.ca/eng/framework-cadre.html>

Panel on Responsible Conduct of Research

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Introducing the Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research (2021)

December 17, 2021

The three federal research funding Agencies – the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) (the Agencies) – are pleased to announce the release of the [Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research \(2021\)](#). This latest version replaces the RCR Framework (2016) as the Agencies' official policy on responsible conduct of research.

The [Panel on Responsible Conduct of Research](#) is mandated by the Agencies to review the Framework every five years. These revisions reflect feedback received by the Secretariat on Responsible Conduct of Research over the last five years from the research community and a public consultation conducted between April and July 2021. As noted during the public consultation, the Panel and the Secretariat are committed to developing guidance on the responsible conduct of research involving the Indigenous communities. A discussion with the Indigenous communities on this initiative will start in 2022.

Highlights of the [revisions](#) made to the RCR Framework include:

- a definition of Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)
- a new responsibility for researchers regarding appropriate supervision and training in the conduct of research
- clarification to some definitions of breaches (falsification; destruction of research records)
- additional guidance on who and how many people should be involved in conducting an inquiry
- additional guidance on what institutions should consider disclosing at the end of an RCR process
- an additional criterion for institutions to consider when deciding whether to dismiss or pursue an allegation

The Secretariat no longer provides print copies of the RCR Framework out of concern for the environment. The official version of the RCR Framework is the online version.

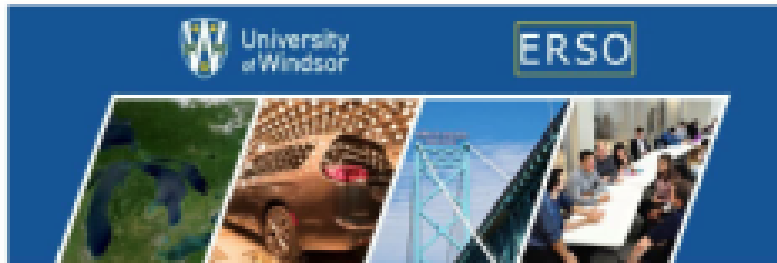
To receive updates on the evolution of the RCR Framework and on other RCR-related initiatives or developments, please [subscribe](#) to our RCR mailing list.

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- New RCR document
- Better clarity on promoting research ethics
- Updated responsibility for researchers to ensure appropriate supervision and training of HQP on RCR
- More explicit procedures and timelines on alleged breach investigations



Events and Training



ERSO Research Portal training dates

Are you preparing a research grant application this winter? Don't miss out on training opportunities for the new **ERSO Research Portal**, your one-stop shop for streamlined approvals and easy

tracking of your funding applications! The Office of Research and Innovation Services has launched the ERSO Research Portal as a paperless hub for keeping track of your research grant funding, including both for external awards and internal funding opportunities. The portal will replace the old ORIS Information Sheet and Checklist, which will no longer be accepted by ORIS as of summer 2022.

- Thursday, January 27, 2:30-4:00PM | [Register](#)
- Tuesday, March 1, 3:00-4:30PM | [Register](#)
- Friday, April 29, 10:00-11:30AM | [Register](#)
- Monday, May 23, 1:30-3:00PM | [Register](#)



https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/NSERC-CRSNG/Policies-Politiques/COVID-COVID_eng.asp

The screenshot shows the NSERC website header with the Canadian flag and the text 'Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada' and 'Conseil de recherches en sciences naturelles et en génie du Canada'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'Français', 'Home', 'Contact Us', 'Help', 'Search', and 'canada.ca'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Professors > Policies and Guidelines > Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on research: NEW guidelines for NSERC's community'. There are utility links for 'Back', 'Print', 'Bookmark', 'Larger', and 'Smaller'. The main heading is 'Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on research: NEW guidelines for NSERC's community'. The text below the heading states: 'NSERC recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting researchers' and students' capacity to conduct their regular research and training activities. NSERC also recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has the potential to exacerbate inequities in the natural sciences and engineering research community. Certain identity factors are associated with greater impacts for some members of the research community (e.g., gender, race, Indigenous identity, geographic location, rurality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, career stage, family responsibilities, etc.). With this in mind, NSERC has developed general guidelines for the consideration of COVID-19-related impacts on research aiming to provide direction on how to describe these impacts in an application and information on how to consider these impacts when reviewing contributions to research and training and/or research and training plans. You are encouraged to reach out to the appropriate program contact with questions relating to the specific funding opportunity to which you are applying. NSERC will continue to monitor the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and may adapt its guidelines in future years.'

- NSERC recognizes that COVID has the potential to exacerbate inequities in the research community (e.g., gender, race, Indigenous identity, geographic location, rurality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, career stage, family responsibilities, etc.)
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Dr. Scott Martyn takes on Chair of REB



Kinesiology prof takes on role of Research Ethics Board chair

Kinesiology professor Scott Martyn has accepted appointment as chair of the University of Windsor's Research Ethics Board effective Jan. 1, the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation announced.

"I am delighted to have Dr. Martyn take on this role," said vice-president, research and innovation, K. W. Michael Siu. "Dr. Martyn brings with him to the position a wealth of experience in research ethics that will be a tremendous asset to our research community."

Dr. Martyn has served on the Research Ethics Board since 2008 and as vice-chair since 2014. He succeeds Suzanne McMurphy, who served as the board's chair since 2016.

"On behalf of our research community, I would like to thank Dr. McMurphy for her leadership, dedication, and outstanding contributions to research ethics at the University of Windsor," Dr. Siu said. "Her contributions to and impact on the research community in this role have been exceptional and UWindsor research ethics has thrived under her leadership and due to her efforts over the past five years."

Thank you to Dr. Suzanne McMurphy



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