



VMUN 2022



## VMUN 2022 COVID-19 Health Policy

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## Overview

The health and safety of conference participants are VMUN's top priority. Therefore, the Secretariat has prepared VMUN 2022's COVID-19 Health Policy adhering to available public health guidance, including provincial and federal government mandates, BC Centre for Disease Control event guidelines, and Provincial Health Officer (PHO) orders. Over the course of the next few months leading up to the conference, we will continue to follow public health guidance to improve the efficacy and comprehensiveness of our Health Policy. As the COVID-19 situation continues to develop, we will tailor our approach as needed and consider all new developments to ensure a coordinated health effort, creating a safe environment for all participants.

All participants at VMUN 2022 will be required to adhere to our COVID-19 Health Policy and strictly follow our safety measures and procedures. These procedures may include but are not limited to personal sanitization, physical distancing, and face coverings. **The Secretariat may modify these policies at any time in advance of or during the course of VMUN 2022, and all updates will be published on the VMUN website.**

## Face Coverings

VMUN highly encourages all participants to wear face masks in all conference spaces at all times. Face masks should conform with the following BC Centre for Disease Control guidelines, found [here](#):

- Cover the mouth and nose and go under the chin;
- Fit tightly with no gaps (consider adjustable masks);
- Have a minimum of 3 layers. If the mask is fabric, the material must be tightly-woven; one of the layers may be a filter or filter fabric between layers.

## Hand Sanitizer Stations

For increased delegate safety, hand sanitizer stations will be made available around public spaces (i.e. the main lobby, foyer, Secretariat Desk, registration desks).

## Physical Distancing

VMUN invites all participants to practice physical distancing measures, per BC Centre for Disease Control [recommendations](#).



## Committee Room Occupancy

VMUN will impose limits on conference room capacities, per [BC provincial guidelines](#). For specific occupancy rates, please refer to the table below:

Room	Delegate Capacity	Maximum Capacity	Occupancy
Regency C	120	301	40%
Regency D	120	301	40%
Regency E	50	142	35%
Regency F	50	142	35%
Plaza A	24	143	17%
Plaza B	55	166	33%
Plaza C	45	143	31%
Regency A/B	120	309	39%
Grouse	18	128	14%
English Bay	50	170	29%
Stanley	14	75	19%
Prince of Wales	24	93	26%
Dover	20	47	43%
Tennyson	20	51	39%
Windsor	15	48	31%
Cavendish	20	48	42%
Cypress	20	101	20%
Georgia B	30	216	14%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>3033</b>	<b>27%</b>



## **Sanitation and Ventilation**

VMUN and the Hyatt Regency are committed to providing the best conference environments possible for delegates and will ensure the proper sanitization and ventilation of all spaces, including but not limited to committee rooms, guestrooms, and public spaces. To learn more about the Hyatt Regency's *Global Care & Cleanliness Commitment*, please refer [here](#).

## **Hotel Rooming**

The Hyatt Regency is responsible for minimizing the risk of COVID-19 transmission in individual guestrooms and has put in place comprehensive measures to do so. The Hyatt Regency's [Global Care & Cleanliness Commitment](#) outlines numerous measures that the venue itself will be taking. These measures include but are not limited to more frequent cleaning of guestrooms, enhanced food safety and hygiene practices, and the removal of high-touch items from guestrooms. Furthermore, as per standard VMUN policy, all delegates who choose to stay overnight will stay in rooms with delegates of the same sex and from the same school.

## **Congestion**

### Crowd Control

A variety of measures will be put in place to minimize congestion when participants are moving around conference spaces, which include but are not limited to:

- Instruction signage and direction arrows will be posted throughout conference spaces for traffic flow;
- Delegate movement will be staggered by committee in and out of conference rooms;
- Delegates will move as a group with their school during registration and closing.

### Elevators

To prevent congestion in elevators, delegates with committee rooms on the second, third, and fourth floors of the Hyatt will be asked to travel to their committee rooms via stairs instead of elevators. For delegates whose committees convene on the 34th floor of the Hyatt, measures will be put in place to minimize the potential for COVID-19 spread in and around elevators. These include but are not limited to:

- Ensuring that a maximum of four delegates are in an elevator at any given time;
- Setting up stanchion lines in elevator lobbies to prevent crowding;
- Instituting staggered committee ending times to prevent congestion and ensure that only the delegates of one committee are using the elevators at any given time;
- Posting staff outside elevator lobbies to ensure that restrictions are enforced.



### **Cancellation Policy**

Should VMUN 2022 not be held in person for reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic, all registrations will be transferred to an online iteration of the conference, with the difference in registration costs between an in-person and online VMUN 2022 being refunded. Alternatively, registrations may be transferred to an anticipated in-person VMUN 2023. Delegations will be given the opportunity to choose between the two aforementioned options, and should they choose the latter option, all students who may not be able to attend VMUN 2023 due to secondary school graduation or other extenuating circumstances will be fully refunded.